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As Presidents of the World Council of Churches we greet our brethren in the member churches.

On this birthday of the Church of Christ we should remind one another that the Church was born when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, constraining them to proclaim to all around them the mighty works of God. Thus the last promise of the risen Lord was fulfilled:

> *"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."*—ACTS 1: 9 (R.S.V.)

To be the Church is to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is this power, which we need if we are to find repentance and renewal of life. It is this power which enables the Church to give hope to the hopeless.

The nations are looking with fear to an unknown future. Grave problems of human relationships which cause the suffering of millions of our fellow-men remain unsolved. This is not because the necessary intelligence is lacking, or even some general goodwill. It is rather because men have not the power to do the good that they know they ought to do.

In closing the inconclusive Disarmament Conference held some twenty years ago the Chairman said: "In such a situation as the present nothing can help us but faith. . . . The obstacles are not in the world around us, but in our minds and hearts. We will the end, but we do not will it hard enough to risk the means." That is still our position today. We long for true international understanding and peace, but we cannot bring ourselves to pay the price. In the churches we find a real desire for renewal, for unity, for evangelism, but not enough readiness to consecrate ourselves so fully to the service of Christ that we become the willing instruments of His saving work. Now Whitsun comes to tell us that the one and only way in which our weakness can be transformed into strength is by receiving the life-giving Spirit which turned disappointed disciples into courageous witnesses.

We therefore beseech you, brethren, so to wait upon God that we may be endued with power from on high. We are often in such a hurry to do things for God that we forget God Himself and do not wait for the Spirit. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit" says the Lord of Hosts.

May the fellowship in Christ which we have in the World Council show the nations that there exists a People of God which lives in the strength of the Holy Spirit. May it render clear witness to the ends of the earth, that this Spirit really does enable man to carry out God's gracious plan for His children.

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In a Sentence

Some misguided churches are already beginning to plan a "vacation from God" by closing for a period during the summer, or combining in ineffectual "union" services.

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In the Ellis adoption case the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston has spoken as he has explained, "I am bound to speak . . . because it is my duty. . ."

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Is the New York Conference of The Methodist Church being uneasy when it adopts a resolution expressing willingness to accept a Negro Bishop in 1960?

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The excessive and prolonged front-page applause given Protestant John C. Bennett by the Roman Catholic Church because he made a statement about Roman Catholic citizens being within their rights in demanding public bus transportation for parochial school students is another indication of the desperate longing of Roman Catholics to hear one favorable word from Protestants.

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A modern "Tragedy of Errors" is being enacted every day according to a study made by the American Automobile Association which reveals that drivers commit an error every 4/10 of a mile—over 100,000,000 driving errors every day in Massachusetts alone.

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The Methodist Story, edited by Edwin H. Maynard, improves every month and is now a "must" for every pastor and a "guide" for every local Methodist church.

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"Martin Luther" once again won for freedom and was televised in Chicago with an audience viewing rating of 28.2—"Wyatt Earp" usually has a rating of 23-24 and "Disneyland," 35-37.

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"I urge every boy and girl in the United States," said the President, "to continue as students in school until they have developed their God-given capacities to the full. Only in this way can they hope to make their finest contributions to the strength of the Nation and reach the fulfillment of their own life purposes."

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According to Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer the world today is an "open world" in which it is "not wrong for anyone to know anything" and everyone should try to learn everything possible.

On the Cover

Dr. Alan Walker preaching on the Boston Common, April 7, 1957. Bishop John Wesley Lord is at left foreground while in the center can be seen Jewel Smerage ("Miss Massachusetts") and the Rev. Lewis R. Schultz, pastor of the Bethany Methodist Church, Roslindale, Massachusetts. Story on pages 16 and 17.

Editorials

Unequal Marriages

Because of the agony suffered by parents and the inequality forced upon the married couples by the dogmas of a religious institution when Protestants and Roman Catholics intermarry, we call attention to a resolution of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The resolution has been reprinted in a leaflet, "Mixed Marriages," by the Department of the Christian Family, Board of Education, The Methodist Church, and reads as follows:

"Unjust and undemocratic demands of the Roman Catholics are:

"1. If a Baptist marries a Roman Catholic, he must take instruction from the priest several weeks before the marriage, but the Roman Catholic is forbidden to take any instruction from a Baptist minister.

"2. The couple is told that the ceremony must be performed by a priest, or the marriage will not be recognized as valid by the hierarchy and they will be regarded as living in adultery. This is un-American because our government says that any minister, judge or justice of the peach may perform a legal marriage ceremony.

"3. The Baptist is required to promise that the unborn children will be members of the Roman Catholic church, reared in the Roman Catholic church, and will not attend Baptist churches at any time. We believe that no one has the right to make a pledge that unborn children will be either Roman Catholic or Baptist. No one has the right to sell or barter the freedom and liberty of unborn children. We believe that if a Baptist and a Roman Catholic marry they should decide for themselves where the children will go to church. When the children reach the age of accountability they should be allowed to choose for themselves the church of their choice.

"4. In a marriage of a Baptist and a Roman Catholic, the Baptist is forced to promise that the children will attend a Roman Catholic school and not the public school. We believe that this is undemocratic. The government has established the public school system and we believe that children born of a Roman Catholic and a Baptist should go to the public school.

"5. Baptists in the United States oppose having American marriage laws made in Rome by the Pope. The problems involved in the marriage relation are to be settled by the conscience and intelligence of the people and not by a small group of persons in a foreign country.

"The Roman Catholic Church assumes an unwarranted and unholy authority when she attempts to control the marriage laws of the state or to ignore or supplant them. The New Testament nowhere teaches that a marriage must be contracted before a priest or minister in order to be valid.

"We should teach our Baptist children that marriage is the supreme partnership of life and that it is a violation of the principle of religious liberty to make the promises demanded by the Roman Catholic Church. Our children should know the dangers of these promises so that they can take their stand as free independent American citizens and refuse to make any promises that the Roman Catholic lover does not make. Marriage should not be a one-sided partnership where one gives up everything. It should be equal for both."

It is well to note that pre-marital religious pacts cannot be enforced by law according to a decision recently made in Connecticut. The information released by Religious News Service on the decision reads as follows:

A superior court judge in Putnam, Conn., ruled that pre-marital agreements by which non-Catholics promise to raise their children as Catholics cannot be legally enforced in Connecticut.

Judge Charles H. House based his decision on a provision of the State Constitution which declares that "no person shall by law be compelled to join or support, nor to be classed with or associated to, any congregation, church or religious association."

Connecticut's first test case of the legality of pre-nuptial religious pacts involved Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McLaughlin of West Hartford.

Before their marriage in 1942 Mr. McLaughlin, a Catholic, and his wife, a Methodist, signed the agreement customarily required by Roman Catholic church authorities in mixed marriages.

Mrs. McLaughlin promised to have the marriage solemnized only in a Catholic ceremonial, to have all children born of the union baptized and educated in the Catholic Faith, and never to obstruct her husband in the exercise of his religious duties.

Mr. McLaughlin agreed to "endeavor to bring my partner to the true Faith" by his "edifying influence" as a "good Catholic."

Marital differences arose after three children had been born to the couple. Finally, the husband asked for a legal separation and the wife for a di-

vorce. Last December Judge John P. Cotter turned them both down in Superior Court.

Mr. McLaughlin then initiated a habeas corpus proceeding before Judge House seeking a judicial decree that his children were to be reared as Catholics.

He also asked for their custody although he did not question the fitness of their mother to care for them.

Judge House awarded custody to the mother and ruled that she could not be legally held to her pre-marital pact.

"The law is absolutely impartial in matters of religion," Judge House declared. "A court will not take a child's religious education into its own hands short of circumstances amounting to unfitness of the custodian.

"In a dispute relating to custody, religious views afford no ground for removing children from the custody of a parent otherwise qualified."

Ethical Policemen

Recently, the Massachusetts Police Association, representing 8,500 police officers, adopted for itself the Code of Ethics of the National Conference of Police Associations.

The code is as follows:

"As a law-enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of men to liberty, equality, and justice.

"I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others.

"Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department.

"Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret, unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

"I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions, with no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals.

"I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities."

And for this our local policeman must tramp the beat, ride the cruiser, stand in the middle of speeding traffic, be cursed, and, too often, shot.

As crime continues to grow around us we can do a lot by working with our local policeman. We need to see that he is paid adequately to support himself and family so that he will not feel the need to accept proffered tips. We need to remember that he often works under conditions which would give the best of us sharp tongues and worn patience. Perhaps, he deserves some of our patience given to him. Certainly, he deserves our respect. Let us help him live the code he has adopted.

Better Parents Needed

"Better children can come only from better parents," is the simple conclusion reached by the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency. The report discards lack of organized recreation, poor housing, and low economic status as causes of child crime.

The group also says that "de-emphasis of materialism would be a great accomplishment in the prevention of illegal behavior not only among adult criminal offenders but in the effect that such materialism has on child rearing," and "if society is to achieve any really effective curtailment of law violation, it must come largely through the medium of family since it is there that attitudes of conduct are bred, out of which anti-social lives develop."

This report will be quite a disappointment to parents who try to get rid of their children while they go about increasing their income to meet more installment payments and buy more gadgets. Parents are learning that they are stuck with their children, and that they cannot drown them by tossing them in the cold stream of impersonal society and its institutions.

Schools will not take children off the hands of their parents. In fact, schools are tossing the children back at the parents more and more with shorter school hours and less personal contact between teacher and student. Churches are not relieving parents of their children except for a very short time on Sundays, occasional social affairs, and camps, institutes, and conferences. The "gang," of course, is always ready to welcome children when their parents give them up, and the doors of evil open quickly when parents shut the doors of home.

Parents are in for it—and there's no doubt about it! They cannot get rid of their children after they are conceived. From then on they can only love them and discipline them in a person-to-person intimacy.

Unless parents are willing to do this they will kill their children and their death will rise up to destroy the parents and in turn society will rot. With an anticipated 1,000,000 children before the courts in 1956 what hope is there for civilization—and parents?

Parents, this is a call to you! Love your children unconditionally, discipline them with wisdom and firmness, teach them by example, and with person-to-person intimacy help them build the kind of men and women God intends them to be.

From Our Readers

A Friend Each Month

Please find enclosed three dollars, another year's subscription to ZIONS HERALD, a magazine we cherish as a friend each month.

MRS. CLARENCE L. KEIR
Everett, Mass.

New Challenges in Ipoh

Ipoh is everything they said it would be. It is one of the best churches in the conference in interest, co-operation, loyalty and financial support. We are most happy, and every day brings new challenges.

Do remember us, as we try to do God's work here. We surely miss Boston and all the wonderful people.

OSCAR A. GUINN, JR.
Minister
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Sorry Not to Renew

Having been a member of ZIONS HERALD's family for a quarter of a century, I am sorry not to renew my subscription. But I find its interest now as chiefly New England Methodism. I say this not in criticism, but in recognition of its necessary emphasis.

Thank you for all the information and inspiration it long has brought and wish you well in your new relationship.

CHARLES DANIEL BRODHEAD
Minister
Trinity Methodist Church
East Lansdowne, Pa.

Cars in Jail

Fines have not solved traffic violations. Better results might be obtained by impounding the car for a few days. If we had to do without the use of it for a while we might begin to understand the rights of the road.

WILLIAM R. SULLIVAN
Los Angeles, Calif.

Glad for Reminder

Thank you for the reminder. Am enclosing $3.00 for subscription for 1957. It is an excellent church paper and I am proud to be a subscriber . . . May God bless you who have any part in its publication.

MARGARET L. ECKLEY
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Bishop Pickett

Spokesman for India

by Warren C. Carberg

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett has begun his work as visiting professor at the School of Theology of Boston University after 46 years of missionary work in India.

Bishop Pickett has lived in India over such a long period of time that he has been able to enjoy intimate friendships both with Gandhi and with Prime Minister Nehru.

The Methodist leader believes that Nehru is not only the greatest living statesman in the world today but also the most misunderstood and undervalued.

Bishop Pickett is convinced that he is the most persistent and effective foe of Communism in Asia, a view not shared by many Americans.

"Prime Minister Nehru," he said recently in an interview with ZIONS HERALD, "is the most authoritative exponent of democracy in Asia and a statesman of great wisdom and moderation who has no sympathy whatever with Communism."

"Had our State Department been guided by Nehru's advice we would not have been in our present muddled condition in the Middle East and in Asia."

The 67-year-old Bishop looks extremely fit after his long service in India. More than 20 years were in the episcopate.

He and Mrs. Pickett are making their home in a charming apartment at 69 Bay State Rd. His wife is the former Ruth Robinson, the daughter of Bishop J. W. Robinson of Lucknow, India. They have four children: Mrs. Henry A. Lacey, Mrs. William E. Gould, Mrs. John Sagan, Jr., and Douglas Robinson Pickett.

He was born in Jonesville, Tex., Feb. 21, 1890. He began his work in India as missionary pastor of the Methodist Church in Lucknow, India, a charge he held until 1914. He was Bishop of the Methodist Church in the Bombay area from 1936 to 1944 and he served as Bishop of the Delhi area up until the time of his retirement.

On retiring as bishop in India he visited Borneo, the Congo and Bolivia, where there is a mass response to Christianity on the part of the tribal people.

In Borneo the Iban tribe, formerly addicted to headhunting, is now turning to Christianity. Their tribal leaders, who aided the U. S. and fought the Japanese in World War II, have no opposition to Christianity.

Many of them still decorate their huts with the shrunken heads of their enemies but they are a people who have demonstrated that they are extremely rich in native ability.

They see the advantages in liberation from the fears and the economic perils connected with their old religion. The cost of maintaining the old taboos was an expensive one.

For instance, if a man heard a certain bird cry he could not work. He was similarly restricted if a certain animal should cross his path.

Bishop Pickett made the interesting discovery that their language is allied to the Indo-European stock. Using the Indian tongue in Borneo he was able to make himself understood in performing the religious rites.

Bishop Pickett has not seen his friend, Prime Minister Nehru, since his memorable visit to President Eisenhower. But he said that letters from his friends and printed interviews with Nehru from India confirmed that the visit to America was indeed a "heartening and exhilarating experience."

Bishop Pickett's retirement is technical rather than actual. Not only will he act as a guide and teacher of young clergymen of the future at Boston University but in addition he has been appointed counsellor on Evangelism for the Methodist Board of Missions.

The latter task will make it necessary for him to journey to foreign fields for three months of each year. He acquired international fame for the work he did for the Rockefeller Institute of Christian Research. His book, "Christian Mass Movements in India," has been called the greatest book on Christian missions to appear in a century.

World News

Church Council Opposes N. H. Released-Time Bill

By a vote of 32 to 0, the Cheshire County (Keene, N. H.) Council of Churches opposed a House bill which would authorize released-time religious instruction for New Hampshire public school pupils.

The measure would permit students to be excused from school for not more than one hour a week to attend religious education classes. Similar bills were defeated in the past two legislatures.

A motion calling for a study to determine how the religious programs of its own member churches can be made "more virile, imaginative, appealing and effective" was adopted by the council.

The Rev. Orrin L. Kosmo of Keene argued against the released-time proposal. He said that public school teachers would have to be used to some extent in carrying out provisions of the measure, that it would decrease the amount of time now given over to public school instruction, that it is "discriminating" and "un-American," and that it would use "legislative power in a coercive manner."

China Legalizes Abortion, Sterilization

Abortion and sterilization have been declared legal in Communist China "from now on," the Peiping Radio reported.

It said a new law authorizing the practices was announced by Minister of Health Li Te-ch'uan in a speech to the Communist parliament.

The station quoted the Minister, a woman, as stating that there is "considerable resistance against this law, particularly in rural areas still under the influence of religion."

However, it said, the Minister declared that the government will continue to sponsor birth control, and industry will provide cheaper contraceptives.

The National Christian Council of Japan has asked that adequate provision be made for farmers dispossessed from their lands in Okinawa to make room for new United States military installations. The council, at its annual meeting last month, "expressed its deep sympathy" and "urged the Japanese, Okinawan and American governments to redouble their efforts to find substitute land."

Mass. Church Council Opposes Capital Punishment

Opposition to capital punishment was voiced by the board of directors of the Massachusetts Council of Churches in a statement sent to some 1,800 Protestant clergymen and other leaders throughout the state.

Three denominational leaders who are members of the board issued simultaneous statements urging abolition of the death penalty for an experimental period of five years. They were Episcopal Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence of Western Massachusetts; Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention; and Dr. Frederick May Eliot, president of the American Unitarian Association.

Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, general secretary of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, urged churchmen to make their views on the subject known to their legislators.

Voluntary Agencies Sponsor 30,633 Hungarian Refugees

Religious and other voluntary welfare agencies have sponsored 30,633 Hungarian refugees in this country since the October anti-Soviet revolt in Hungary.

This was reported at Kilmer Reception Center, N. J., at a two-day conference of the Governors' Committee of the President's Committee for Hungarian Refugee Relief.

Attending the meeting were officials of Governor Committees in 29 states and leaders of church and voluntary agencies active in the refugee program since the first plane-load of Hungarian escapees arrived here on November 21, 1956.

Of the total number of refugees processed at this center, 16,911 were sponsored by Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference; 5,295 by Church World Service of the National Council of Churches; 3,803 by the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society; 1,384 by Lutheran Refugee Service; 1,338 by the International Rescue Committee; 256 by the United Ukrainian-American Relief Committee; 210 by the Tolstoy Foundation; and 329 by other independent groups.

Some 29,445 of these refugees left the center for homes and jobs in various parts of the country. The center is expected to be closed by the end of April.

Evangelicals Oppose Federal Aid to Education

The National Association of Evangelicals took a strong stand against federal aid to education at its *15th annual convention* in Buffalo, N. Y.

"Our public schools are becoming increasingly secularized and, in our judgment, federal aid would facilitate this tendency," the resolution stated.

"Federal aid is a departure from our traditional American position of individual responsibility and growth, and tends toward socialism, the first step toward totalitarianism.

"Federal aid to education would open the avenue to federal control and thus enable the extremely liberal educational elements in UNESCO to forward their anti-Christian program including the elimination of Christian schools."

In another resolution, the association denounced action by the Ohio legislature prescribing minimum requirements for all elementary schools. The resolution charged that the curriculum regulations allow no place "for religious instruction, although in Christian private schools no tax funds are used."

Sunday Schools Held Superior to Tranquilizers

A psychology professor and counselor said in Dallas, Tex., that Sunday schools rather than tranquilizing drugs can help individuals face up to the complex problems of modern living.

Dr. Donald Bell, director of graduate studies at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, made this observation in an address to the annual meeting of the Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Warning that the widespread use of tranquilizing drugs "indicates a dangerous trend fast becoming evident in American life," he said there was a further danger "of our becoming a generation of people afraid to face up to the issues."

In contrast to the use of tranquilizers, Dr. Bell said, are the Sunday schools which "offer study that provides real and dramatic examples of the struggles and triumphs of Biblical characters to show that, actually, healthy people are always faced with difficulties."

Dr. Bell added that too many people realize too late in life that the things they have spent their lives for are not satisfying.

"Caught up in the momentum of materialism and things, they have lived too long with the wrong standard of values," he said. "The churches of our day can make a great contribution by teaching a true scale of values. And the modern Sunday school, with its total program of

evelopment, can provide wholesome social activity which gives meaning to life."

Baptist Group Reaffirms Faith In Premillennial Doctrine

More than 1,000 delegates to the annual meeting of the North American Baptist Association in Little Rock, Ark., reaffirmed their faith in the premillennial doctrine of the return of Christ. The delegates represented some 900 churches.

At the same time, the convention said the doctrine should not be made a test of fellowship for churches.

The association comprises independent missionary Baptist churches, mainly in the South, Southwest and Southeast, which withdrew from the American Baptist Association in 1950, principally over the issue of representation.

Missionaries Will Be Welcome In New State of Ghana

Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of the new state of Ghana says he will continue to welcome Christian missionaries into the nation.

"We owe a lot to missionaries," he told a press conference. Most of the members of Ghana's cabinet attended mission schools, and 80 per cent of the children in these schools today are registered as Christians.

The Rev. Christian G. Baeta, chairman of the Christian Council of Ghana, also paid tribute to the missionaries and stressed the need to improve Christian instruction. "The ordinary religious instruction given is very primitive," he said. "We teach young people basic Bible stories but little instruction is given on how to carry Christianity into practical life. Only the Christians can give the moral instuction so vital to a young nation and they must do this through literature."

Pittsburgh Internship Reported Making Progress

After seven months trial the novel Pittsburgh Internship for theological seminary students has been pronounced worthwhile.

The Rev. Dr. Ellsworth E. Jackson, its director, said the plan which aims to supplement seminary studies with practical experience had proved beneficial to the participants.

Eight students have taken one year out of their seminary course to do many things not part of a formal theological training. These have included:

Walking a beat with a Lower Hill district policeman to find that life can become "quite messy."

Sitting in with a psychiatrist as he examined youthful inmates of the Morganza Training School, a corrective institution for juveniles.

Attending dances with a disc jockey as a guide.

Making house-to-house canvasses in the role of laymen.

Living together under one roof.

Preaching and teaching in district churches on Sundays.

The internship is patterned after medical procedure which requires hospital experience by prospective physicians before they begin actual practice.

Church-Related Colleges Now Total 744

A total of 744 of the 1,886 colleges and universities in the United States are controlled by religious groups, the U. S. Office of Education has reported.

There are 474 Protestant colleges and universities; 265 Roman Catholic; and five Jewish, the agency said in its annual Education Directory.

An additional 481 colleges and universities are under private control but have no religious affiliation, the report stated. Some 661 institutions of higher education are publicly controlled, including 282 municipal institutions, 360 state colleges and universities, and 10 federal institutions.

Co-educational institutions now number 1,414, while 223 colleges enroll only men and 249 women. About 500 of the institutions are not fully accredited four-year colleges.

Physicians, Clergymen Called Co-Workers of God

Physicians and clergymen are co-workers of God as a healing team with common goals and mutual concerns in their service to the sick.

This was the consensus of a panel discussion on "The Impact of Religion on the Surgeon" at the 25th annual assembly of the Southeastern Surgical Congress meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Stressing the close relationship between body and mind, surgeons and ministers agreed on the beneficial influence of religious faith on patients. Such faith, they said, often lessens post-operative shock and generally speeds up recovery.

Dr. E. Augustus Verdery, chaplain of Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, declared that "the emphasis of mind-body relationship in the medical field today is a restatement of the total approach to life which religion in its highest form has recognized throughout the centuries."

Two surgeons, Dr. R. L. Saunders of Memphis, Tenn., and Dr. Gilbert F. Douglas of Birmingham, Ala., admitted the need for the guiding hand of God when performing serious operations.

"There can be no doubt," Dr. Saunders said, "that the impact of religion on the surgeon himself has a great influence on the patient." He added that "God is the One Who can help the patient most."

Evangelicals Urge Proper Sex Education

The home, church and school should co-operate in providing sex education, a panel of churchmen agreed during the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The group decided that "ideally, sex education begins at the cradle—you don't just start with sex education at some later date."

"Too often parents just use kind words when facts are needed," the panel stated. "There is a need for more frankness and greater responsibility on the part of parents."

Calling for more sex education, Dr. William Peterson of Buffalo said that young people "need facts, psychological, emotional and anatomical information for marriage." Other panelists were the Rev. Robert Hails, Jamestown, N. Y.; Hugh Farrell, New York; and the Rev. Gunnar Hoglund, Chicago, chairman of the Evangelical Youth Commission.

Japan Church Gains 4,500 Members

The United Church of Christ of Japan, of which the Methodist Church is a part, gained about 4,500 members in 1956 over 1955, the Japan National Christian Council reports.

The 1956 membership of the United Church, a merger of several Protestant denominations, was 169,971, compared with a 1955 total of 165,397. It is the largest Protestant body in Japan.

The National Christian Council (of which the United Church and other Protestant churches are members) also reported 1,524 congregations for the United Church, an increase of 69 over 1955, 2,095 ministers and 378 affiliated missionaries.

Methodism

Methodist Bishop Frederick B. Newell receives official greetings to Methodists of the U. S. from the Methodists of Ireland, from the hand of the Jewish Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Robert Briscoe (r.).

The occasion was a gathering of several hundred Methodist leaders, and top officials of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, who were invited to a reception honoring the Lord Mayor, in New York, April 8.

The message came from the top official of Irish Methodism, the Rev. S. E. McCaffrey of Dublin. An Irish immigrant, Philip Embury, organized the first Methodist society in America, now John Street Church, New York.

Ground-Breaking Ceremonies Held At Wesley Theological Seminary

Ground was broken in Washington, D. C., April 5, for the Methodist Church's new $3 million Wesley Theological Seminary, the first Protestant seminary in the Nation's Capital.

The ceremony marked the start of construction of the seminary's administration building, chapel and first dormitory. Official opening of the school, accommodating 350 students, is set for the fall of 1958.

The Westminster (Md.) Theological Seminary, founded in 1881, will move here as the nucleus of the new institution.

"We break this ground today in memory of John and Charles Wesley, faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose religious experience and social concern The Methodist Church had its beginnings and in whose honor this seminary now changes its name to the Wesley Theological Seminary," a portion of the litany read.

The school is the first Methodist seminary in this country to be named for the Wesleys.

The ceremony was led by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, president of the seminary's Board of Governors, and the Rev. Dr. Norman L. Trott, president of Westminster Seminary and who will head the new school.

Bishop Oxnam paid tribute to the "Christian stewardship" of Sebastian and Stanley S. Kresge of Detroit who, through the Kresge Foundation, recently gave $1,500,000 to help establish the seminary. The sum is to be matched by Methodist churches and individuals.

Wesley seminary is one of three new theological schools planned by the Methodist Church. A second is to be built at Delaware, Ohio, in connection with Ohio Wesleyan University, and the third is projected in the vicinity of Kansas City.

Twelve original letters of John Wesley will become the prized possession of Wesley Theological Seminary.

The donors are Bishop and Mrs. G. Bromley Oxnam, Washington, who announced the gift April 4 on the eve of the groundbreaking for the new $3 million seminary on the campus of American University.

The letters, written from 1773 to 1788, are from the Wesleyana collection of Bishop and Mrs. Oxnam which includes several first edition books and other writings of John Wesley. The letters will be kept in the library of the seminary when the school opens in 1958.

Methodists Are Strong In Ghana (Gold Coast)

World Methodism, including the Methodist Church in the United States, has an important place in the newly-independent African state of Ghana (formerly Gold Coast), which joined the free countries of the world March 6.

A report by a Methodist correspondent in a recent issue of *The Irish Times* told of the 160,000-member Methodist community in Ghana. The Methodists of Ghana, as in Nigeria and elsewhere in West Africa, are linked to the Irish and British Methodist churches and their missionary work. The correspondent wrote:

"Methodism and the Basle Mission of Switzerland (Presbyterian) were the first effective missions in the Gold Coast. Methodist missions were established in 1835, and concentrated on educational work. Mfantsipim School is perhaps best known in the area, and came to prominence with the Rev. R. A. Lockhart, now resident again in Ireland, as headmaster. Many of the past pupils occupy leading positions in administrative, judicial and professional life, as well as in politics. At Wenchi is a new hospital, built by the late Rev. John Dixon, and now supervised by the Rev. Jock Gordon, both of the Irish Church.

"Numbering 160,000, the Methodist community meets in 1,200 places of worship and manages 790 schools and five colleges. An autonomous Ghana Methodist Church is in formation, which will be closely linked with other West African synods and British Methodism. This church is virtually self-supporting financially and keenly missionary-minded in regard to its own outlying peoples.

"With much that is pagan from Western civilization finding expression in

contemporary life and an advancing Islam, the indigenous Christian church, about 25 per cent of the population, has a major task in battling for the soul of the new Ghana."

Organization Formed of Treasurers Of Methodist Boards and Agencies

A new organization of treasurers and financial personnel of Methodist general boards and agencies has been formed.

Chairman of the new group is the Rev. Dr. J. Homer Magee of Chicago, associate secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Other officers are: vice chairman—Daniel E. Jackson, treasurer of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville; and secretary—Miss Marguerite Harris, treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, New York.

The group met in offices of the World Service Council at 740 Rush Street March 12 to discuss mutual problems and interests. It was the second time in the history of the church that such a meeting has been held.

Book of Worship Changes Considered by Commission

The Commission on Worship of The Methodist Church held its annual meeting at the Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., March 19-20. Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of the Dakotas Area, chairman, presided at the sessions. Bishop W. Earl Ledden of the Syracuse, N. Y., Area, vice chairman, was also present.

The Commission, following the mandate of the 1956 General Conference of the denomination, meeting in Minneapolis, "to prepare a revision of the Book of Worship for consideration at the General Conference of 1960," invited professors of worship in Methodist theological seminaries to serve as consultants in the two-day parley.

Guided by answers to a questionnaire sent to 300 ministers throughout the church, and by the opinions of the visiting professors, the Commission voted to do a thorough revision on the Book of Worship. Sub-committees were appointed to proceed immediately on various phases of the project.

A special sub-committee is also making a survey among leaders of the denomination to determine whether or not there is sufficient demand for recommendation of a new edition of The Hymnal to the 1960 General Conference. The Commission advises, however, that a new hymnal could not be produced in any case before 1965 or later.

Leonard College Has First Indian Principal

The Rev. Marvin H. Harper (left), former principal of Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, India, greets the new president, the Rev. Dr. George S. Sahai, the first Indian to hold the post.

Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, India, the only Methodist seminary in India, Pakistan and Nepal, has its first Indian principal. He is the Rev. Dr. George S. Sahai, former pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Lucknow, and succeeds the Rev. Marvin H. Harper, missionary from Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Sahai was elected by the board of governors in mid-March and was to be installed April 9. His selection as principal is another evidence in the "Indianization" of Methodism in India, the placing of leadership and authority in the hands of Indian Methodists. At the Central Conference last year, two new bishops, both Indians, were elected, giving Methodism an all-Indian episcopacy. Most of the district superintendents are Indians, the presidents of both Methodist colleges are nationals, and Indians head a majority of the hospitals, schools and other Methodist institutions.

Leonard Theological College serves all the Methodist conferences of Southern Asia, as well as other denominations. It is primarily a school for ministerial training, but there is a four-year course in religious education, a woman's school and a post-graduate school, which includes a department of social research. The college's extension program includes an audio-visual department with film-making facilities and village social service and evangelistic work.

Before his appointment as pastor of the Lucknow church, Dr. Sahai had been a professor at Lucknow Christian College, a Methodist school, warden of a student hostel there and a teacher at the Jumna Mission High School in Allahabad.

Son of a Methodist minister, Dr. Sahai was born in Bareilly and attended schools in Lucknow and Allahabad. He holds the bachelor and master of arts degrees from Lucknow University and received the doctor of philosophy degree in history there.

Philippine Churches File World War II Damage Claims

The Methodist Church in the Philippines has filed 26 claims totaling $2,466,000 with the federal government for damage to church property during World War II.

The Methodist claims, largest of any Protestant group, are among 102 claims totaling $26,713,000 being considered by the United States Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Roman Catholic organizations have filed 34 claims for a total of $14,221,000. The 44 Protestant claims total $3,508,000. Other claims are those of individual clergymen and non-Christian religious groups.

The claims follow a Congressional amendment permitting reconsideration of claims by religious groups in the Philippines which are affiliated with denominations in the United States.

The amendment, adopted in 1956, was designed to enable Protestant groups to file new claims. Previously, some Protestant agencies had opposed legislation for reconsideration of claims on the basis that it would chiefly benefit Roman Catholic schools, missions and hospitals in the Philippines whose original claims were denied because of little or no connection with Roman Catholic agencies in the United States.

More than $17 million was paid by the United States under the original war claims to American religious organizations whose schools, hospitals and missions suffered damage during American military operations in the Philippines or gave aid to American forces.

Methodists Open "Chapel of Prayer for All People"

Arch Street Methodist church located near City Hall, Philadelphia, has opened a "Chapel of Prayer for All People" to serve the thousands of pedestrians who daily pass by.

The chapel has a prayer request box and an electric push button panel for worshippers to select high-fidelity hymn recordings.

Persons

The Rev. Daniel E. Taylor of Wenatchee, Washington, has been elected executive secretary for administration and promotion of the Methodist Church's Board of World Peace.

Methodist **Bishop Roy H. Short**, Nashville, Tenn., was elected chairman of the Methodist Interboard Commission on the Local Church.

Dr. Ernest S. Griffith, staff member of the Library of Congress, has been appointed dean designate of American University's School of International Service to be opened in Washington, D. C., in 1958. Dr. Griffith, 60, has been director of the Library of Congress' legislative reference service for 16 years.

Retired Methodist **Bishop Titus Lowe** of Indianapolis, Ind., was married January 10 to Miss Ellen Louise Stoy, a former teacher at technical high school in Indianapolis. The 79-year-old widower was retired from active administration of an area in 1948, but served four years as the executive secretary of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in New York following that time.

Miss Sarah Parrott has been elected an associate editor of literature of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, with headquarters in New York. In 1950 Miss Parrott joined the staff of the Board of Missions as an editorial assistant in the editorial offices of the Woman's Division. For the last year, she has been a staff writer for the Board's Department of News Service.

Paul Friggens, until recently the executive editor of *Town Journal*, has been named executive editor of *Together*, new monthly magazine for Methodist families. An active Methodist layman, Friggens has held editorial and executive posts with the Associated Press, United Press-United Features and Farm Journal, Inc.

Mrs. Edna Saylor Diffendorfer, of Madison, N. J., widow of the Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, for 25 years executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, and first president of the Japan International Christian University, died on January 27 after a long illness.

The Rev. Dr. Dallas L. Browning, superintendent of the Evansville district of the Methodist Church, has been elected director of the Advance Department of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions. Dr. Browning was elected at the Board's annual meeting January 15-18 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. About June 1 he will succeed the Rev. Dr. Ernest E. Tuck, who is retiring.

Appointment of **Miss Anne Robinson** as director of the Methodist Information office for the Washington Area is announced by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam. Miss Robinson comes to Washington from New York City where she was on the press and publications staff of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Nelson Price of Indianapolis, Ind., became public relations director of The Methodist Church's Rock River Conference, February 15. He will direct and co-ordinate the public relations program of Methodism in northern Illinois, including the city of Chicago, where he will maintain offices in Chicago Temple (First Methodist Church).

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., received a United Automobile Workers freedom award in Atlantic City for "his distinguished services to mankind."

A 19-year-old Methodist youth of Lawrenceburg, Ind., **Lawrence Edmund Zernach**, has been awarded the government's Young American Medal for Bravery and Service. Young Zernach received the award for saving the life of a 14-year-old boy in 1955 at a Methodist Youth Fellowship picnic at the Clifty Falls State Park, near Madison, Ind.

A Methodist layman of Oklahoma City, **Hugo Deffner**, 55, has been named "Handicapped Man of the Year" by President Eisenhower. Mr. Deffner, an insurance agent, is an active member of St. Luke's Methodist Church. The President's committee honored Mr. Deffner in recognition of his campaign to have public buildings designed with street-level entrances.

The Rev. Robert P. McCullagh, Vermillion, S. D., a Methodist minister with eight years' experience as a worker with college and university students, has been appointed director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Hawaii, in Honolulu.

The Rev. Dr. James K. Mathews, Montclair, N. J., already the possessor of an honorary doctorate of divinity degree, received in March his Ph.D. from Columbia University in the history of religions. He prepared his thesis on "The Techniques of Mahatma Gandhi as Religious." He is associate general secretary of the Division of World Missions and executive secretary for India, Pakistan and Nepal.

Margaret Billingsley, executive secretary for Japan and Korea of the Methodist Board of Missions' Woman's Division of Christian Service, received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Ewha University, Seoul, Korea. She has been a member of the board of trustees since 1947 and is currently in Korea on a six-months' visit to the mission fields under her administration.

The Rev. Walter C. Eyster, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church, Marion, Ohio, has been appointed director of personnel and institutional church relationships for the Methodist General Board of Hospitals and Homes. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Theology.

Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indiana and **the Rev. Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh**, executive secretary for East Asia of the Methodist Division of World Missions, were recipients of Doctor of Laws degrees at an April 8 convocation at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.

Miss Elizabeth M. Lee became, as of May 1, the Secretary for Promotion of Advance Specials in the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Miss Lee became internationally known during a distinguished career in missions administration with the Methodist Board of Missions.

Hymns of Charles Wesley Featured in New Booklet

Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, has written a 32-page booklet, entitled *My Great Redeemer's Praise*, in which the basic messages of some of Charles Wesley's hymns are presented. Published by Tidings, a department of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, the booklet will be used across the nation in connection with this year's celebration of the 250th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth. Charles Wesley wrote about 6,500 hymns, was born December 18, 1707, and was the brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism.

Yesterday's Fashions Bring

Day Nursery Benefit

For Morgan Memorial

Nearly a score of Greater Boston women, including the wife of Bishop John Wesley Lord, served as models in displaying the "Fashions of Yesteryear" at a program sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary to Morgan Memorial on Friday, March 29, at 2 P. M. at the Church of All Nations.

The benefit program was for the Goodwill Day Nursery of Morgan Memorial, which cares for fifty children daily —children of mothers who are ill and working mothers.

The fashions displayed were donated by many friends of Morgan Memorial, and some dated back a half century.

Among the women serving as models were Mrs. James E. Doty of Lynn, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Lynn; Mrs. Seaton Woodley, wife of the pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Lynn; Mrs. Ralph D. Kinney, Arlington, former field secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary; Mrs. Philip Stackpole, Melrose, president, Woman's Society of Christian Service for the First Methodist Church, Melrose; Mrs. George Humphrey, Arlington; Mrs. Rob Roy McGregor, Watertown; Mrs. Bernard M. Hanninger, wife of the pastor of the Cliftondale Methodist Church, Saugus; Mrs. Edwin S. Anderson, Medford, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the New England Conference of the Methodist Church; Mrs. Calvin Gardner, Melrose; Mrs. Harvey Young, Lynn; Mrs. Robert Cormier, Nahant; Mrs. Louis Hoyer, wife of the pastor of the Lakeside Church, Lynn; Mrs. Melvin Lawrence, Lynn, vice-president, Lynn District, Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church; Mrs. William B. Grove, Swampscott; Mrs. Guy Furbush, Stoughton; Mrs. Gardner MacDonald, Natick; Mrs. Donald Rhoades, Melrose.

The chairman for the program was Mrs. Arlington W. Crossman, Jr., of Lynn, secretary to the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lynn, and secretary of youth work in the New England Conference.

FRONT ROW, left to right: Mrs. Philip A. Stackpole, Melrose; Mrs. Robert A. Cormier, Nahant; Mrs. Harvey J. Young, Lynn; Mrs. James E. Doty and daughter Martha, Lynn; Mrs. Donald C. Rhoades, Melrose; Mrs. Paul M. Hendry, Natick; Mrs. Guy L. Furbush, Stoughton; and Mrs. John Wesley Lord, Wellesley.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. William B. Groves, Swampscott; Mrs. Seaton M. Woodley, Lynn; Mrs. Bernard M. Hanninger, Saugus.

THIRD ROW: Mrs. Melvin E. Lawrence, Lynn; Mrs. Gardner W. MacDonald, Natick; Mrs. Calvin L. Gardner, Melrose.

Area Churches

Methodist Men of **Trinity Methodist Church, West Medford, Mass.,** take a break from their "do-it-yourself project." To re-decorate the sanctuary by Easter Sunday, the men voluntarily rolled up their sleeves and spent three consecutive Saturdays in March, from 8 A. M. till late afternoon. March 16 was "Wash-up Day," March 23 was "Paint-up Day," and March 30 was "Finish-up Day."

Left to right are: the Rev. Steven M. Seminerio, pastor; Clayton Tulk, Glenn Perry, Howard Miller, Fred Whitman, Joseph Lucacio, Walter Maguire, William Bolding, Charles Oxnard, Charles Ramsdell, Lewis W. Ellis, Wendell Franklyn and John McAllister.

Sudbury

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Palm Sunday, April 14, for the **New Sudbury Methodist Church.** Bishop John Wesley Lord was the speaker.

The new site for the church is at Sudbury Center, Mass., on Old Sudbury Road. The Rev. Robert K. Jones, Jr., is pastor.

Malden

The Van Heel family from Holland are now settled in their new home in Malden, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. August Van Heel and their three children were sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the **Faulkner Methodist Church, Malden.**

Brookline

St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brookline, Mass., recently held its second Women's Sunday, with women of the church conducting the service and acting as ushers and greeters. The morning message was presented by Mrs. Edwin Anderson of Medford, president of the New England Conference WSCS.

Other participants were: Mrs. Robert J. Cann, notices; Susan Hill, youth notices; Mrs. Edward S. Gunn, scripture; Elisabeth Wheeler, soloist; Mrs. Milton Allen, prayer; Mrs. Thomas P. Joy, offertory prayer; Mrs. Helen Hartman and Mrs. W. R. Leslie, ushers.

Marblehead

A gift of $100,000 toward construction of a $350,000 **St. Stephen's Methodist Church,** on a Pleasant St. site in **Marblehead, Mass.,** was made known April 24 by the pastor, the Rev. Albert S. Bristol.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip W. Card made the gift as a memorial to the doctor's parents. The congregation has already appropriated $226,000 for the first of three units and construction is scheduled to start in August.

12 Melrose Churches Conduct City-wide Religious Census

Twelve Protestant churches of the Melrose Council of Churches have conducted a unique and highly successful city-wide census which was outstanding from the point of view of efficiency and compiling the results, the Rev. Dr. David Cox, head of the Department of Research for the Massachusetts Council of Churches, has announced.

"The survey . . . revealed 2,405 Protestant adults who were not members of churches in Melrose. Of these, 1,375 were members elsewhere and 1,030 had no church affiliation," Dr. Cox said.

"The compilations were made by IBM tabulating machines and the churches already are contacting these prospective members.

"It was found that of 1,449 new families listed, only 109 are Catholic, and Protestants outnumbered Catholics about three to two in the general population. The Protestant population tended to be older. The proportion of preschool age Catholic children was found to be more than double that of Protestant youth in the same age group.

"Much information regarding church attendance was also assembled."

Dr. Cox pointed out that the Melrose system will be copied elsewhere and already special interest is being shown in it.

United Nations Seminar Held For New England Methodists

by the Rev. Delphas S. Barnett

Some 26 New England Methodists, including ministers, wives and laymen, attended a seminar at the United Nations, entitled "The United Nations in Action for Peace," March 11-14.

Among those in attendance were Bishop and Mrs. John Wesley Lord and District Superintendents Ira Roberts and Kenneth Pearson.

The seminar opened Monday evening, March 11, with a briefing session at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Center. Director of the seminar was Dr. Charles F. Boss, executive secretary for United Nations and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Board of World Peace of The Methodist Church.

Activities for the group included a UN Guided Tour and attendance at two official UN meetings, and numerous addresses given especially for the seminar group by those officially connected with the United Nations.

These speakers included: N. R. DeRoussy De Sales, of the Department of Public Information; Miss Rochmuljati Wirjohatmodjo, Press and Public Relations Officer from Indonesia; Arthur A. Goldschmidt of the Technical Assistance Administration; William B. Hesmondhalgh, of the United Kingdom delegation, who outlined the Middle East policy of his government; William T. Mashler, who told of the work of the Trusteeship Council; Ashoka Dutt, a research assistant, who gave an interesting explanation of the foreign policy of the government of India.

Other included Daniel Newberry, representative of the United States Mission to the United Nations; Mrs. Else Lindt of Switzerland who represented the United Nations Children's Fund; V. J. Stavridi of the Department of Public Information; and Clark M. Eichelberger, executive director of the American Association for the United Nations, who spoke before the group on "The Moral Issues that the United States Faces."

Following each of these addresses there was an opportunity for questions.

The closing session of the seminar was held Thursday noon, March 14. This was an evaluation and planning meeting, the theme being "Making the Boston Area a Significant Force for Peace." Bishop Lord presided, with Dr. Boss assisting. There was a general interchange of ideas. Each member of the seminar was asked to give impressions of the seminar held, and to offer suggestions for ways of sharing upon returning home, and ways of encouraging other groups of Methodists within the Boston Area to organize and plan for future seminars.

The following were some of the impressions or convictions that came out of the seminar:

1. The great and rapid strides made by the United Nations since its organization in San Francisco in 1945.

2. The increasing respect shown for the charter of the United Nations by such countries as the United States, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia.

3. The sense of mission and spirit of dedication shown by so many of the leaders officially connected with the United Nations.

4. The obligation of church people to keep accurately informed regarding the actions and achievements of the United Nations and its various specialized agencies.

5. The significant place the United Nations now occupies in the world scene as an instrument for the preservation and promotion of peace among the nations.

Any wishing information about literature, films or speakers available, or any anticipating a seminar may write to Dr. Charles F. Boss, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Center, 345 East 46th Street, New York 17, N. Y.

The idea of this United Nations Seminar for New England Methodists originated with the Board of Peace of the New England Southern Conference. The Rev. Howard Love of Westerly, R. I., chairman of this board, was in charge of the project. Contact with the other Boards of Peace of the Boston Area were made in an effort to include interested persons throughout the Area.

At the March 24 ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Methodist Church at Wilmington, Mass., key participants included, left to right: the Rev. Willard C. Arnold, superintendent of the Lynn District; the Rev. Richard E. Harding, pastor of the Wilmington church; and the Rev. Archiver J. Strait, Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions and Director of Advance.

You Don't Know What You're Missing Until You've Had One

A Vacation Church School

by Elisabeth P. Wightman

We had gone along in Hazardville, blissfully feeling that we were fulfilling our duty "Christian-Education-wise." Weekday church school was a successful venture, our Sunday School was expanding and we felt we were doing our all for our youngsters. Then one summer we were asked to participate in a community vacation church school to be held in another part of the town some three miles away. Some of our mothers were interested enough to volunteer as teachers and the children from our church made up the vast majority on the enrollment record. Everybody had such a good time and realized what our own church had been missing. All at once we realized the need for constructive activity during the summer, the chance for added Christian education in our program and the opportunities that such a school would offer in a growing community.

A chairman and committee were appointed who went to work in January with materials, personnel, filmstrips, project ideas and ways and means. Inasmuch as we did not want to charge a registration fee, a food sale was decided upon to raise funds to support the school. (We specialized in church kitchen baked beans and potato salad!!) Food was solicited through the Sunday School with children taking home notices and one Saturday in April we opened shop. An hour and a half later we were sold out with $96.46 in the cash register. We were in business for good now and spurred on by this financial backing, we went ahead and ordered supplies and also sent out registration blanks through the Sunday School in order to get some idea of how many to plan on. The blanks, incidentally, gave parents a chance to mark whether or not they needed transportation or were willing to share transportation.

Textbooks were from the co-operative curriculum of the National Council of Churches and many of our supplies were from the Methodist Publishing House. We have since learned from statistics provided by our Conference Executive Secretary, the Rev. Douglas Dorchester, that 16 churches in the conference used the co-operative curriculum and 10 used recommended texts such as Friendship Press materials with Methodist supplies. The texts were excellent and supplied more than enough ideas for our sessions. The teachers had their books two or three months in advance and found that by meeting together by departments and planning each day's session in detail, they were able to teach when the time came with the knowledge that they were well prepared. They worked out prayer books, song books, shadow boxes and rebus stories. One class kept a day by day scrapbook of the program with pictures to illustrate each activity.

Securing teachers was not a problem. Many who did not want to tie themselves down to a year-long job in the Sunday School were willing to tackle a 9-day job. Feeling that regular church school teachers needed a rest, we found many of our workers from a fresh new field and in most instances they were mothers of children enrolled. High School girls made wonderful helpers and secured valuable training as future teachers.

After two committee meetings and one teachers' meeting (numerous telephone calls, too, we might add!!) we were ready for the FIRST day of our FIRST attempt. Our staff numbered 21. In addition to the teachers we had two recreational workers, a pianist, a registrar and a director. The day dawned bright and hot (as did each of the following days) but everyone was on hand and the children were waiting to find out what a vacation school was all about. Our sessions were held from 9 to 11.30 and opened each morning with a ten-minute worship service in the sanctuary which was carried out by departments. During the processional hymn the American and Christian flags were carried down the aisle, followed by the proper salute to each. We are sure the children will always hold this memory preciously close as the years pass by. We also had a school song, "I Love to go to Vacation School," a slight parody on the famous song popularized by the Cowboy Sunday School Choir. The schedule was worked out so that each department had a ten-minute outdoor recreation period. Following cold punch and a cracker, the children were refreshed and ready to return to classes until 15 minutes before closing time when the entire school assembled for a filmstrip. On two special days we took an offering for shoes for Korea. You know how much appeal new shoes have to the little folks! The thought that they might help buy shoes for some barefoot child in a faraway land really had them interested. We sent a check to the MCOR for $19.40 given in these two offerings.

In the evening of the final day was Graduation and Open House. The doors opened at 7 o'clock for parents and friends to go through the classrooms and see exhibits of the work. Then at 7.30 the entire school and guests assembled in the sanctuary for the program. Each department presented a short exercise and pins were given to those having perfect attendance. Fifty-two of the 101 enrolled received them and nine had but one absence. Our enrollment was divided as follows: kindergarten—22, primary—47, junior—23, and intermediate—9. Conference-wise last year, the total number of vacation schools was 57 with 2,164 children enrolled; 1,956 of whom were junior age and younger and 208 were intermediates. The total number of workers throughout the conference was 406. The father of two of our pupils does photography as a hobby and he offered to take a school picture. Orders for these pictures were taken on Graduation night and a small sum was realized from the sale of these which helped augment our treasury.

Our school for 101 pupils cost us $111.51. This year we may do it for even less per pupil. One of our teachers has been working up projects and ideas ever since last summer. Through a notice in the church calendar she has collected hundreds of used religious Christmas cards and she has faithfully taken home the left over church calendars with attractive pictures. She has asked all her friends and prospective teachers to save the inside roller from paper towels, a certain type carton from frozen foods, noodle boxes and salt boxes.

So you see, all it takes is a few active mothers to start the ball rolling. Our vacation school drew the community closer together. We had children from other denominations and also from other faiths. We brought some of the new families into the church. But best of all we gave our children something to grow on—an experience that could have a lifelong effect. Our school for this summer is organized and ready for action. We're looking forward to another worthwhile venture.

Emphasis on Family Life at

Family Life Conference and Camp

A Family Life Camp, designed to provide experiences in Christian living for families as Family Units, has been planned for Laurel Park, Northampton, Mass., July 7-13.

The program is sponsored by the Adult Department of the New England Conference Board of Education.

The program will be geared to families with small children, preferably under 12 years of age. They also hope to help families set up a family life fellowship in the local churches.

Activities for the week will include family worship experiences, and outdoor activities for the family together. In the mornings, the children, in preschool, primary and junior age groups, will have directed play and craft activities. At the same time, the parents will have study groups on such interests as home discipline problems, religion in the home, economic interests in the family, and the art of counseling children.

After luncheon and the rest hour, the family will spend the afternoon out-of-doors together, learning to play together, work together, and enjoying nature study.

The evening program includes Vespers, a story hour for the children and, after the children are in bed, certain babysitters will be in charge there while the parents participate in Late Evening Round-Table Discussions. Topics in these discussions will range on such items as community pressures on family life, tensions within the home, etc.

New England Conference churches are encouraged to consider sending a family as delegates from the local church. The church could hope to develop a stronger family life program as a result.

Staff for the camp will include Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of the Dept. of the Christian Family, of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville. Clarence Holway, business manager of Laurel Park, will direct nature study. Others will include the Rev. and Mrs. John A. Caswell, minister of Lay Memorial Church, Feeding Hills, Mass.; the Rev. and Mrs. Wallen Bean, West Roxbury Methodist Church; and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Treese. Mr. Treese, director of adult work in the New England Conference, will be director of the Family Life Camp.

Applications for registration are available at the Board of Education office of the New England Conference, 581 Boylston St., Boston 16, Mass.

Costs include registration fee of $5.00 per couple plus $1.00 per child (not to exceed $7.00 per family, total). Room and Board is $37.00 per couple, plus $9.25 for children from 2-12 years and $13.50 for children between 12-16 years.

Eight churches of the Boston District are joining forces Sunday, May 26, to present The Conference on Marriage and Family Living at Fisk Memorial Methodist Church in Natick.

The conference is a pilot project sponsored by the Adult Worker's Council of the New England Conference.

The program begins with registration at 3 P. M., first session from 3.30-5.30; supper from 6.00-7.00; second session from 7.30-9.00.

After registration, the conference will divide immediately into groups according to interest, for both first and second sessions.

For Unmarried Young Adults (post high school), the Rev. Wallen L. Bean of West Roxbury Methodist Church will conduct the sessions entitled "Preparation for Marriage."

"Guideposts to Successful Family Living" will be the subject for *Married Persons*, led by Dr. John T. Greene, assistant professor of sociology at Boston University and well-known marriage counselor. Dr. Greene will also be the dinner speaker, on "The Local Church and Family Life Education."

"Parent-Child Relationships," led by Dr. Donald M. Maynard, author of *Your Home Can Be Christian* and professor of religious education at Boston University School of Theology, will be a session of interest to *Parents*.

Older Adults will be interested in the session to be led by Dr. Paul B. Maves, on "The Church Serves Older Adults." Dr. Maves, professor of religious education at Drew theological school, is a pioneer researcher in the problems of older adults. He is the author of *The Best Is Yet to Be* and *Christian Religious Education of Older People*.

Parents are encouraged to attend either the afternoon or evening sessions if they cannot be present for the entire conference.

Baby Sitter Service will be provided by the host church.

The eight churches co-operating in this conference include: the Methodist Church of Weston; Immanuel Methodist Church in Waltham; Methodist Church in Newton Centre; Carter Memorial Methodist Church, Needham Heights; Parkway Community Methodist Church, Milton; West Roxbury Methodist Church; Methodist Church, Newtonville; and Fisk Memorial Methodist Church, Natick.

In discussing the program, the Rev. Robert Treese, director of adult work in the New England Conference, stated that "the role of the church in helping people solve their problems is the primary concern. The average person does not look to the church and does not expect the church to have anything to say to daily living.

"In designing the program we hope to get a picture of how to set up family life education. We hope also to observe the effects noted in these eight churches in terms of getting requests for programs of this nature," Mr. Treese added.

Plan Conference On Family Life

The third national Conference on Family Life for The Methodist Church will be held Oct. 17-19, *1958*, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. The announcement was made by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the church's Family Life Committee. About 3,000 parents and church workers especially concerned with serving the needs of families are expected to attend.

In True Methodist Tradition

Boston Common

During the present year when all Protestantism joins in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley, the most famous of all hymn writers, it is most fitting and proper that the vigorous voice of Methodism should be once more heard on the Boston Common.

It is a well authenticated fact that both George Whitefield and Jesse Lee preached on the Common two centuries ago. Jesse Lee, a preacher of great clarity and eloquence, "preached under the Big Tree."

But during the four Sundays in April, a new voice was heard and large crowds gathered to listen to the Rev. Dr. Alan Walker, noted Australian evangelist.

Dr. Walker is 46 years old, is built like a football player, and has a strong "Down Under" accent. He is the 13th member of his family in three generations to enter the ministry.

In recognition of his religious leadership, Queen Elizabeth II presented him with the Order of the British Empire.

This was a reward for his Mission to the Nation during which he preached to 1,000,000 of his fellow countrymen out of a total population of 9,000,000, for the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

Bishop John Wesley Lord introduced Dr. Walker to his first outdoor Boston congregation on Sunday, April 7. Although the day was cold, Dr. Walker discarded hat and coat as he mounted his wobbly packing-case pulpit.

During the four Sundays he preached on the Charles Street Mall, large delegations of youth were present. Dean Walter G. Muelder of the Boston University School of Theology presided at one of the meetings. Student ministers shared the pulpit with him.

People of all religious denominations heard his message. Many participated in the question-and-answer period.

Dr. Walker believes that "The Christian religion exists to change the world. There is far too much talk today of saving the world, all too little of changing it. The modern world urgently needs drastic change," he said.

"Millions need an economic security which capitalism has failed to give. Millions yearn for a political responsibility which colonialism has robbed them. Millions need a lifting of the fear of atomic massacre which armaments cannot achieve.

"Millions need a spiritual certainty and gladness which materialism can never supply. The world demands urgent, radical change."

Dr. Walker said that the modern cult of violence poses a basic problem for all humanity.

"The ruthless destruction of life has become daily news. Look at recent history; the South African government hung 25 natives in one batch. Britain executed an 18-year-old youth in Cyprus for carrying a gun. In Chicago, 16 youths face a possible death penalty for setting out to kill a Negro and doing it without pity.

"Scores die daily in Algeria, some after torture which has stained the record of France. Hungary had its blood bath, both sides stooping to unbelievable ruthlessness. The list is almost endless. The forces of sadism are let loose in the world."

Dr. Walker in his Common talks urged a campaign to

rs Alan Walker

by Warren C. Carberg

emphasize and re-emphasize the Christian estimate of personality.

"The Christian faith," he said, "has proved in history its power to change the world.

"The great achievement of the Christian religion is the men and women it has fashioned. Over 2,000 years ago Christianity has proved its power to lift men to greatness.

"Human nature needs noble influences to play upon it, if it is to become noble. Human nature, left to itself, remains dull dead at best, and at worst becomes corrupt. Few of us can arrive above narrow interests and selfishness without the challenge of something beyond ourselves. Where there is no challenge there is no response. Great causes call forth greatness. Great personalities in turn create greatness.

"Jesus Christ can afford to be judged by the people He has made. The personality of Jesus has been the most creative moral force in all history. Today, when He is allowed entrance into human minds and hearts He can make people like us as we want to be in our finest moments. Christian character is the greatest single need of the modern world. Without it none of the plans and ideals for a better world can be realized.

"As the Christian Church stands on Boston Common today it offers men Christ. Through Him new life can come to every man and every woman. By penitence, forgiveness can be found for past moral failure. By committing ourselves to Jesus Christ power is available for future living. Jesus Christ, through His life, death and resurrection, can lift every man to noble living."

Dr. Walker came to the United States from Melbourne in February, 1956. In all he has spoken in 40 cities.

Next August Dr. Walker will go to England. After that he will spend a month in Germany. In October he will return to England and will conduct missions in London, Birmingham and other cities.

Early in 1958 Dr. Walker will conduct a mission in Ceylon. He will return to Australia in 1958 and resume his ministry with the Methodist church there.

Dr. Walker preaches on Sunday mornings at the First Methodist Church on Washington Street, Dorchester. His wife, Mildred, a licensed preacher, takes her turn in the pulpit when her husband has other duties. Dr. Walker is also professor of evangelism at the Boston University School of Theology.

Born in Sydney in 1911, he is the son of the Rev. A. E. Walker, one-time president of the Methodist Church of New South Wales. He was ordained in the Methodist church in 1934 and was made director of the Mission to the Nation.

He was named delegate to the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948 and in 1949 he was made advisor to the Australian delegation to the United Nations. In 1951 he delivered addresses at a number of American universities as a guest of the National Council of Churches.

In 1954 he attended a convocation of Muslim and Christian leaders in Bhamdoun, Lebanon, and he was made a full-time director of the Mission to the Nation by the Methodist Church of Australasia.

AT

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At the evening snack, prepared by Mrs. Ira Roberts, are shown left to right: Mrs. Earl Heywood; Mrs. Robert Clagston, Mrs. Herbert Fulton, Mrs. Lawrence O'Brien, Mrs. Willard Arnold, Mrs. Leslie Johnson, Mrs. Robert Treese, Mrs. Hamilton Gifford, Mrs. Donald Hickman, Mrs. James Doty, and Mrs. Richard Harding.

Ministers' Wives Seek Spiritual Growth

Committee for the Ministers' Wives Retreat are shown, left to right: Mrs. Hamilton Gifford and Mrs. James Doty, co-chairmen; Mrs. Edge Dixon, Mrs. Margaret Henrichsen, Mrs. James Leslie, Mrs. George Gutehunst, Mrs. John Wesley Lord, and Mrs. Auburn Carr.

Approximately 81 ministers' wives from the New England Conference held their annual retreat at Rolling Ridge, March 26 and 27.

Several ministers' wives from the New Hampshire Conference were special guests invited to see the program in action.

Theme for the retreat was "Windows Toward God," developed along the idea that everyone has many facets in his life, and we can let these be windows opened toward God, letting his light shine through them.

As one of the speakers, Dr. Peter A. Bertocci, professor of philosophy at Boston University, discussed "A Window on Our Family Life."

The key speaker was Mrs. Margaret K. Henrichsen, pastor at North Sullivan, Me. She spoke Tuesday night on "A Window on Our Spiritual Selves," following the theme of spiritual growth. The following morning, Mrs. Henrichsen led an informal question and answer session, before a period of meditation.

Mrs. John Wesley Lord led devotions on the first day of the retreat, with Mrs. Francis Wilson in charge the second day.

Three "buzz sessions" were featured, with Mrs. John Lavely leading one on the church school and religious education; Mrs. Warner Danforth, on the W.S.C.S.; and Mrs. James Doty, on developing a prayer group.

A recipe exchange was another event of interest and enjoyment.

Mrs. Hamilton Gifford had charge of a choir recruited from those present, which provided special music for the programs and around the dinner table.

National Secretary Speaks at WSG Jurisdictional Meeting Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

by Esther M. Clement

Speaking before nearly 400 members of the Wesleyan Service Guild at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, April 6, Lillian A. Johnson, the Guild National Secretary, took as her theme that of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for the Quadrennium, "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life."

"This refers," Miss Johnson said, "to all areas of our own personal lives. But it also refers to all of life, that we shall be able to help others, everywhere, with all the means at our disposal." Miss Johnson went on to point out the importance of reaching all employed women, "the restless, searching business woman; the lonely, apathetic worker; the professional woman devoting great energy and drive to secular organizations but who has never been touched by the church; the social outcast who has never known the rich, full life of the church; the women of other cultures and races who feel shut out."

Miss Johnson characterized the Guild as a Christian service organization providing a laboratory where members can study, search, and examine their lives, motives, and actions, testing out on each other the ideas and ideals of everyday lives. It offers opportunity for service in action, for service through giving, and for service in training other workers. "If we as Guild members can see ourselves as part of the ongoing program of the church," Miss Johnson concluded, "as part of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, with certain aspects of the work of the church set aside for us to do, then we cannot take casually our theme, 'The Spirit of Christ for All of Life.'"

Margaret A. Peacock, retiring Guild Secretary of the Northeast Jurisdiction, was general chairman of this Second Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Northeast Jurisdiction, April 6-7.

Workshops were held in which the Quadrennial Goals were studied in their application to Promotion, Missionary Education, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, Status of Women, and Supply Work.

Mrs. G. J. Mahlbacher spoke on "India Celebrates," illustrating her topic with colored slides covering her recent travels in India. Hazel Lovell, director of the Alma Mathews House, girls' residence in New York City, and Mabel Lorah, teacher of home economics in a girls' school in Lima, Peru, each described the work being done in these Guild-sponsored institutions.

The newly-elected Guild Secretary of the Jurisdiction is Nora Bubb, Washington, D. C., retiring chairman of the Status of Women.

Attending from New England were: Conference Secretaries Mrs. Charles J. Matthews, Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. Edson G. Waterhouse, Watertown, Mass.; and Mrs. Matt Mees, Hartford, Conn.; Boston District Secretary, Arnita Harrison; Mrs. E. Lee Bothast, President of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Copley Methodist Church, Boston, and Esther M. Clement, Co-ordinator.

Springfield District WSCS Elects New Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Springfield District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Amherst, Mass., on April 8, 1957, Mrs. Beaumont A. Herman of Wesley Church, Springfield, was reelected president.

Other officers names were: Vice-president, Mrs. Edward Snape, Amherst; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Earl Vick, West Springfield; Treasurer, Mrs. Merritt J. Loomis, Easthampton; Sec. of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Joseph Claybaugh, Belchertown; Sec. of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Ernest Stansfield, Springfield; Student Work, Mrs. Douglas D. Milne, Longmeadow; Youth Work, Mrs. S. Edward Draper, Westfield; Children's Work, Mrs. Chester Bixby, Springfield; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Charles Dulong, South Hadley; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Neal Morton, Agawam; Supply Work, Mrs. John Seyler, Springfield; Status of Women, Mrs. Benjamin Parker, Athol; Missionary Personnel, Mrs. Wilhelm Glabach, Leyden; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. George Gregory, Jr., Greenfield; Historian, Mrs. William H. Dockham, West Springfield.

A Life Membership Pin and Certificate were presented to Mrs. G. Albert Higgins, wife of the District Superintendent, in recognition of her six years of service in the Springfield District.

Mrs. Francis C. Wilson, wife of the minister of Epworth Church, Worcester, and Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, gave a meditation and installed the new officers.

Mrs. Merritt J. Loomis, Treasurer, and Mrs. Thomas McKeown, retiring Secretary of Spiritual Life, conducted a Pledge Service in which the local presidents and treasurers participated.

Methodist Women Get Call To Letter-Writing Campaign On Foreign Aid

Methodist women across the United States have been asked to write their Senators and Representatives urging that economic aid and technical assistance to foreign countries be continued in the 1957-58 federal budget.

The request was made to the 1,800,000 members of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service by its executive committee.

"Because of the grave emergency that is rapidly developing in Congress calling for elimination or major cuts in foreign aid," it said, "Methodist women should make it a first priority to write to their representatives in Congress, expressing the hope that the foreign aid program will be continued."

The women were asked to point out that economic aid should be continued both directly to foreign countries and through the United Nations. They also were urged to stress that economic aid and technical assistance should be divorced from military aid to foreign countries.

The call urged Methodist women to find new ways of making the work of the United Nations more fully known in their communities and to encourage individuals and groups to visit the U.N.

It said a "changing climate toward the U.N., indicating a growing opposition in this country," makes it "imperative that Methodist women give new attention to using the channels that build understanding of the U.N."

A Retiring Lay Leader Gives

Areas of Opportunity

For Lay Leadership

by Milton M. Goss

As an associate district lay leader and lay leader of the New Bedford District I feel that I have been privileged to serve my Church in ways seldom open to a layman not too many years ago. It has been a time of wonderful co-operative effort with both ministers and laymen dedicated to the task of challenging our membership with the many opportunities of service open to them.

Starting much later on this program than was done in many parts of our Church we began with a program of education. After these years of activity I am more certain than ever that one of the greatest needs in our Lay Activity program is a better understanding of the work and opportunities for service of our charge lay leaders.

Those of us who have directed the program for the last few years have always stressed the fundamental truth, that as lay leaders we work with the pastors and under their direction, acknowledging at all times the fact that the pastor is the man in charge of the local church program.

With this program in mind, discussions have been held in the District for the purpose of showing our lay leaders their opportunities of service and their responsibilities as outlined by the Discipline. These discussions have usually been followed by a question period where the laymen have expressed themselves very freely as to the co-operation, or lack of it, that they have received in their local churches. Through these periods of give-and-take we have found that the most important factor in the efficient use of a lay leader is the human element of two men being able to work together happily. We have yet to find the perfect lay leader who can co-operate with any pastor that happens to be sent to his Church. However, while we cannot place ministers so that they always fit in with the lay leader, we can, and I believe, we should, replace the lay leader who cannot work efficiently with his pastor.

We have found that there are, in the main, three types of lay leaders. Foremost among them is the man who holds the job for the honor involved but who does not consider that any work goes with the position. Remove him and he and all his relatives may be up in arms at once. Experience has shown two possible solutions to the problem created by this type of lay leader. If possible he should be replaced at once.

However, if the replacing would cause more harm than good then we have two alternatives. Either wait for a funeral to take care of the situation or elect an associate lay leader. If you have to wait, then you must by-pass him and face it. If you elect an associate he should soon take the hint. The danger to this is that sometimes an associate is needed to cover all the work even when you have a good lay leader.

Then there is the inadequate man who has been asked to fill the vacancy and has been assured that there will be no work involved. Usually that church has another man who is the real lay leader of the charge but is so busy in certain necessary jobs that to relieve him of them and make him official lay leader would lessen his service and influence. This unofficial lay leader has been mentioned to me many times. He is a throw-back to the time before we had elected lay leaders and a man earned the title by the work that he did in the Church. Then when we had to elect one we found that the duties would be too general and the valuable man could not be spared from the job that he was doing so well.

I think that in almost every case that has been called to my attention it has been an instance of where a single man has had certain jobs for so long that he is convinced and has convinced others that he is the irreplaceable man. If he is a good leader he has been training others to replace him and there should be no problem. If he has not then we do not want him as lay leader anyway, for that is one position that should not be a life job. If, however, the man has others in training, then he could put his experience to good use as he views the total church program as lay leader. This being so, the inadequate man need never be named.

Last, but certainly not least, there is the ideal situation such as we have in a number of our churches. Here we find the lay leader and his pastor working as a team in building the Church program, a co-operative venture from planning board to completed program, a man dedicated to the task of helping promote all phases of the life of the Church, one who has a complete picture of the program, mainly because he has been included in the planning and organization and so is much more able to be of help in carrying out the program under the direction of his pastor.

Naturally the third man is the man we are seeking to have in every church in our District. Just as naturally, we still have a long way to go. I find that this is not a local problem but is as wide as Methodism and as varied as the personalities involved. We have been doing our best as leaders in our District program to help the lay leader see his area of responsibility and opportunity.

Two Things Being Done

May I list just two things which I have observed being done by some ministers with great success in their relationship with their lay leaders.

As soon as practical, after entering a new charge, they have called in their lay leader and have had a complete understanding with him as to what was to be expected from him and what he could expect in return; what they saw to do and how they hoped to do it; where he might help and where he might be needed most. After seeing this plan in operation I have come to the conclusion that if the ideal co-operation is impossible, a pastor and lay leader might well find out where they can work together and be realistic about it, but frank. If this results in a resignation it may be just the thing that particular church needs; for the lay leader who refuses to face up to the job is in the wrong office. I realize that every pastor has a different personality. Therefore, every pastor will require just a little bit different type of co-operation from every other pastor. Each lay leader, by the same token, has a different potential. Therefore when the pastor lists his program and the lay leader lists his abilities, the spot can be found where that particular lay leader can be of the greatest service to his Church. The very indefiniteness of the listed tasks for a lay leader lends itself to this approach.

After finding out where the minister and lay leader can work best together, these ministers have gone a step farther with an equally important plan. At the next meeting of their Official Board they have told the entire group just what they have decided upon together. Everyone knows what is expected of the Church School Superintendent but few realize what the lay leader is for. By lifting up his area of responsibility they have at the same time put him on the spot where he must produce.

National Conference of

Methodist Men

Purdue, July 19-21

"Our hope for a more Christ-like world rests strongly upon the loyalty and devoted service of informed and spiritually motivated laymen," the Methodist Council of Bishops has declared in a recent statement.

Placing their stamp of approval upon the plan to hold the second National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., July 19-21, 1957, the bishops urged the "widest possible" attendance at the conference and invited "churchmen around the world to pray for this significant gathering."

Full text of the call to the National Conference of Methodist Men which the bishops adopted, follows:

In 1954, under the auspices of the General Board of Lay Activities the first National Conference of Methodist Men was held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Twenty-two hundred men from all sections of the United States attended.

The extraordinary growth of Methodist Men clubs in numbers as well as in service activities is due in no small measure to the impetus provided by this national meeting.

The second National Conference of Methodist Men will be in session on the Purdue campus July 19-21, 1957. An attendance of five thousand is confidently anticipated.

Recognizing the vast potential for Christ and the church represented in such a group, the Council of Bishops urges a most enthusiastic response among our people to the call for the second National Conference of Methodist Men.

We are convinced that the coming together of this great body of laymen for inspiration, training and fellowship in the Kingdom enterprise will strengthen Methodism in every phase of its life and work.

Our hope for a more Christ-like world rests strongly upon the loyalty and devoted service of informed and spiritually motivated laymen. We commit to the General Board of Lay Activities the planning and promotion of the National Conference.

We invite our churches and churchmen around the world to pray for this significant gathering. We urge that there shall be such a response to the call that the widest possible representation of Methodist Men at Purdue University next July may be achieved.

Boston Area Pastors' Assembly

Meets at Tilton June 14 - 16

In keeping with the Quadrennial Emphasis on Methodist Christian education, the *Boston Area Laymen's Assembly* will move this year to the campus of Tilton School, the one educational institution directly connected with the New Hampshire Conference.

The Executive Committee of the Assembly met at Tilton School last fall, where they were the guests of Dr. Roland R. Crompton, Headmaster of the School. At this meeting dates for the Assembly were set for June 14, 15, and 16, 1957.

The theme for the Assembly "The Layman in Christian Stewardship." One of the leading speakers of the Assembly will be Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities. Bishop John Wesley Lord will preach at the Sunday worship service to be held in conjunction with the Tilton Methodist Church.

Laymen directing the work of the Assembly are John H. Starie, Dean and Lay Leader of the New Hampshire Conference; Warner C. Danforth, Lay Leader of the New England Conference; Melbourne F. Jackins, Lay Leader of the Maine Conference; and Norbert Hill, Lay Leader of the New England Southern Conference. The program committee consists of Frank H. Glazier, Keene, N. H., Leon F. Jackson, Dedham, Mass., Donald E. Robinson, Providence, R. I., and James R. Lytle, Littleton, N. H.

It is expected that at least 150 laymen from the Boston Area will attend this conference.

OFFICERS OF 7TH ANNUAL PROTESTANT COMMUNION—The officers of the seventh annual Protestant Laymen's Communion Breakfast at Mechanics Building on Sunday, May 19, are, left to right, front row, Eugene W. Wohr, Somerville, vice-chairman; Clarence C. Beasley, Brookline, chairman; David E. Sprague, Cambridge, vice-chairman; Melvin Weldon, Watertown, secretary; rear row, Edmund W. Hadley, Arlington, vice-chairman; and Ernest C. Nickerson, Chestnut Hill, treasurer. Seven churches will be used for communion for the 5,000 men at 7 A. M. followed by breakfast at Mechanics Building at 8.15 o'clock.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE OVERSEAS

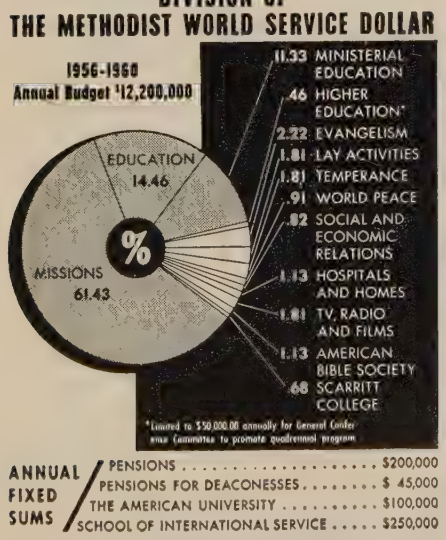
International Voluntary Services, 1930 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington 9, D. C., announces that prior to June, 1957, it will have 20 additional openings for men and women (preferably unmarried, or, if married, with no children, so the wife can also serve as a team member), with farm experience, willing to serve for a two-year period under experienced leaders overseas in the Near and Far East.

Applicants should have a competence in one of the following fields: agriculture, dairying, poultry, horticulture, nursing, public health, home economics, 4H clubs, recreation, building or carpentry. Preference will be given to college graduates, those who are 22 years of age or older and to those who are members of some church in good standing.

IVS represents eleven different Christian church denominations (Protestant and Catholic), and works under contract with ICA (Point Four). It is a non-denominational "people-to-people" agency engaged in community development projects in six different countries—Nepal, Laos, Iraq, Vietnam, Egypt and Jordan, with projects pending in other countries.

Team members receive air transportation from home to station in foreign countries and return, complete necessary living expenses during the two years, paid up life, health and accident insurance—in short all necessary expenses, *plus* a reasonable salary.

Those interested should write at once to the above address for an application blank.



E. Stanley Jones Leads Asbury Grove Ashram

Dr. E. Stanley Jones will head a Christian Ashram at the Asbury Grove Camp-meeting Grounds in Hamilton, Mass., June 29 through July 5.

On the program with Dr. Jones will be Dr. John W. Brush, professor at Andover-Newton Theological School; Mrs. Mary Webster and Eugenia Price, both experienced Christian leaders. The Rev. Willis Miller is director of the Ashram and the Rev. G. Vaughn Shedd is the general chairman. Mrs. Shedd will act as hostess.

Asbury Grove is an old Methodist institution with a decided new look. This year the largest private swimming pool in New England will be in use. Last year a children's pool was added.

A Vacation Church School will be a part of the total Ashram family program.

Registration is $5.00, room and board $20, making the total cost $25. For children under 12 years, half price. Send registration, suggestions, and names of persons you feel might be interested to the Rev. G. Vaughn Shedd, General Chairman, Room 714, 88 Tremont St., Boston 8, Mass.

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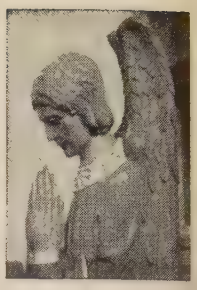

by Georgia Harkness

SPRINGTIME

For lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Song of Solomon 2: 11-13

These lines were originally written as part of a love-song, and there is no disputing the fact that spring and romantic love in some way go together. Yet the joy it brings is not limited to young lovers! Nor is it limited to any one part of the earth. Everywhere spring means joy, hope, deep satisfaction that the winter's chill is over and the flowers appear on the earth. I write feelingly at this point, in the midst of a Japan made suddenly beautiful with myriads of cherry-blossoms and a people inured to cold who rejoice in the mounting warmth of spring.

This is a recurrent parable in nature that speaks to the Christian of a deeper chill and a more glowing warmth and beauty. Everywhere, even in the midst of outward comfort and well-heated homes a spirit of anxiety and even cold despair grips the hearts of men. The Christian, though he is not immune to pain of either body or soul, knows how to triumph over his circumstances through the warmth of the divine Presence. This was recently made evident to me with overwhelming force when I visited Korea, cold, drab, dreary in externals, her people having suffered terribly from the ravages of war, yet everywhere the warm glow of Christian vitality and her people turning to Christ by the many thousands.

May the coming of spring be not in externals only, but bring a new springtime in our hearts!

Unto thee, O God, we lift glad hearts, rejoicing in the goodness of Thy world and the greater goodness of Thy grace. Help us to live ever in the sunshine of Thy love, and may our devotion to Thee flower anew within us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Youth

International Christian Youth Exchange

High school students from Europe will come to this country for one year to live in American homes and to study in American schools in a new interdenominational project, the International Christian Youth Exchange.

The project will make the same provision for American youth to live and study abroad.

About 100 young people from western European nations will be chosen. It is expected that at least 20 of these will be sponsored by Methodist churches and live in Methodist homes.

Of the 25 youth that are expected to spend the year in western Europe, it is hoped that at least five can be Methodists.

Purpose of the project is to promote good will, understanding and peace among nations, according to the Rev. Joseph W. Bell, of the staff of the Division of the Local Church Youth Department, (of the Methodist General Board of Education) that is sponsoring the program at it relates to the Methodist Church.

The Youth Department is responsible for finding and choosing homes of American families that are Methodist and sponsored by Methodist churches or groups within Methodist churches. It is also responsible for processing applications for young people who want to spend a year abroad.

For further information write Rev. Joseph W. Bell, Youth Department, General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Teenagers Take Growing Part in Church Work

Teenagers in Oklahoma City are taking responsible places in church life in growing numbers, a survey shows. Young people now account for about one-third of the participants in financial and volunteer service in some churches.

Christ Methodist church is utilizing teenagers one Sunday each month in every phase of its work. The Rev. Samuel W. Marble, pastor, says experience obtained by the youths is invaluable in their Christian development.

Young people are joining in fund drives, plays and church beautification projects. More than $1,600 in overseas food parcels was credited to one Presbyterian youth group through a special campaign and odd jobs.

Capitol Hill Baptist church has developed a girls' choir of teenagers called the "Bell Tones" who are being used regularly for clubs, church and other functions. Besides this activity youngsters fill in for various leaders to get "the feel" of church work.

The survey was conducted to refute the claim often heard that young people today are not truly interested in the life of the church, the Rev. Hugh Bumpus, Baptist minister, said.

Copenhagen Churchman Defends Today's Youth

The great majority of youth better represent their generation than the juvenile delinquents and Elvis Presley addicts, the Rev. Dr. *Bredahl* Peterson of Copenhagen, first president of the European Baptist Federation, said Friday, May 3.

Speaking at the tenth annual convention of the 300-church Massachusetts Baptist Youth Fellowship, meeting at the First Baptist Church, Brockton, Dr. Peterson stressed against too much comment being made of the bottom strata of youth.

"The youth today knows more and is better prepared than his predecessors for a longer life ahead, more opportunities and probably more problems," he said.

"Youth, especially the millions across the United States affiliated with the Christian church, is keenly interested in the pressing problems facing the world. They want to solve them. There is hope that they can solve them. They want to know what is going on. They want to accept the Christian challenge and apply Christian ethics to their life in the world of business and industry.

"There is an old slogan that 'you can't mix religion and business' and too many people believe in it. Our growing generation does not subscribe to this philosophy. If they did, our whole civilization of the West can't stand up against that of the East."

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(Written by James Rote, a member of the Weston, Mass., Methodist Church and Youth Fellowship, at the request of the minister, for publication in the church newsletter.)

Honesty at Track Meet, Loses Award, Wins Praise

(Ed. Note: The following item was reported in the Boston "Globe" and the New England Conference MYF "Beacon." We print it at this time because we feel this newsworthy item should reach readers outside of Mass.)

Recently at the High School State Track Meet at the Boston Gardens, Robert "Kit" Carson, a junior at Amherst Regional High School and active MYFer, entered the Class D mile.

At the end of the race Kit was announced as taking fifth place. A few moments later he showed up at the medal table and told the scorer, "There must be a mistake, I didn't finish fifth. Another boy lapped me twice." Kit was then led to the director of the meet and told him the same thing. The time of the first 10 boys was checked and it was found that the other boy was the legitimate fifth place winner.

The director was so impressed by Kit's action that he said, "I'm going to write to his headmaster and see that he is commended for his honesty."

Methodist Youth Create . . .

PLEDGE FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION ON HIGHWAYS

The "Pledge for Christian Action on the Highways," developed by the Minnesota Methodist Youth Fellowship, reads:

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Smokestacks and Steeples

by Clair M. Cook
Executive Director,
Religion and Labor Foundation

Seven clergymen have given invocations and addresses to the Auto Workers' convention in Atlantic City this year. Three of the seven are the clergymen—rabbi, priest, and minister—who have accepted posts on the new Public Review Board established by vote of the convention. All of them are men with special understanding of the labor movement; each made his significant contribution to the convention. Four of them it is my privilege to know personally.

I suppose no Catholic clergyman is better known or more highly respected in the labor movement than Msgr. George Higgins, social action director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. He can not stand in the lobby of the convention hotel here, or at similar labor meetings, for two minutes without union friends approaching to greet him by his given name. Informal and democratic, still youthful appearing though a veteran in these matters, Msgr. Higgins writes penetratingly of labor affairs in his weekly "Yardstick" column for many diocesan and labor papers.

Yet, as a true friend of labor should be, he is objective and not always uncritical; for his standards of judgment are necessarily those of his Christian faith. For him, as for Rabbi Adler and Bishop Oxnam, his partners on the Review Board, this independence makes his service of friendship all the more desirable. Criticism, even when warranted, is hard to take from those perpetually "agin" labor, but it may be heeded respectfully from a man like Father Higgins.

"A Clerical Pork-Chopper"

Wednesday's invocation and address was by another personal friend, Father Paul Musselman—of another vineyard, the Protestant Episcopal——a man with keen understanding and official labor concern as Executive Secretary of the denomination's Division of Urban and Industrial Work. His knowledge of the labor movement and his strong sense of humor were evident when he called himself "what is known among the brethren as being an Ecclesiastical Bureaucrat or a clerical 'pork-chopper.'" Formerly a Detroit rector, Father Musselman was introduced by President Reuther as one of the few in such position in UAW's early days who "spoke with courage and conviction" in defense of labor's right to organize and bargain.

Bishop Oxnam was my own Methodist superior back in 1947 when I was working in industry on leave from the pastorate. He had recently written the book, *Labor and Tomorrow's World*, a vigorous and pertinent liberal treatise concerning the contributions of labor to a better society. In fact, Bishop Oxnam's encouragement was decisive in my leaving the shop to take a student pastorate and university work in economics and labor relations, to seek a post that could use both church and union experience. His view of labor and religion's common ground he put in these words, as he accepted the union's 20th Anniversary Freedom Award: "Jesus believed that men and not things are the goal of social living. So do you. Jesus believed in the solidarity of the human family."

Others on the Firing Line

But it was with particular pleasure and pride that I heard Rabbi Isidor B. Hoffman of Columbia University on Thursday morning. For Dr. Hoffman, for twenty-five years counsellor to Columbia's Jewish students, is our RLF Co-Chairman for Religion. In his introduction, President Reuther got in what he later called a "good commercial," while Rabbi Hoffman in turn acknowledged the service of Mr. Reuther and his representative, "Milly" Jeffrey, on the RLF board.

Others such as these, informed friends of labor, are seeking to promote its understanding by the misinformed and prejudiced in the churches.

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New England Deaconess Association Announces Two New Appointments

The appointment of Mrs. Sara Beck Weilbacher as Superintendent of the Home for Aged Methodist Women, in Concord, Mass., has been announced by the Executive Committee of the New England Deaconess Association. Mrs. Weilbacher is a registered nurse and has had institutional experience. She was formerly on the staff of Wilbraham Academy.

Richard E. Lee of Arlington has been appointed Executive Director of the New England Deaconess Association and assumes the duties of this position on May 15. Mr. Lee holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration and has also passed his C.P.A. examinations.

He is familiar with the work of the Association, which comprises the Deaconess Home in Concord, for elderly Methodist women, and a Summer Camp Plaement Program, the purpose of which is to send underprivileged girls to camp. An expansion program is underway to add a Nursing Home wing to the present home in Concord and build the Seth Chamberlain House for Men and Couples. A memorial chapel will also be a unit of the new group of buildings.

Mrs. Sylva A. Ringer, former Executive Director who has been with the association for 20 years, was married March 8 to Rodney L. Belden. After May 15, Mrs. Belden will reside in East Hampton, Conn.

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Announcement from Plimoth Plantation Heralds

Coming of Mayflower II

From: Henry Hornblower II
President, Plimoth Plantation

We would like to clear up a point or two in connection with the voyage of Mayflower II, her destination and permanent resting place.

The Mayflower II, under the command of Captain Alan Villiers, set sail from Plymouth, England, April 20, bound for Plymouth, Massachusetts, where she is expected to arrive and be welcomed on May 25, God willing. She will remain on exhibition in Plymouth Bay, just off shore from Plymouth Rock, for a two-week period.

Following this two-week exhibition and celebration, the Mayflower II will sail to New York where she will be exhibited during the New York Summer Festival. A portion of the proceeds from this exhibit will be used to establish an exchange scholarship fund for American and English students.

The Mayflower II will return to Plymouth, Massachusetts, in the Fall and be turned over by her English builders to Plimoth Plantation, a non-profit, educational, historical organization, *as a gift of the people of England to the people of the United States.*

Until that "turn-over date" (sometime during Thanksgiving week) the Mayflower II remains the property of the English group which conceived the idea of building the replica of the famous ship, raised the necessary funds through free will gifts of small amounts to build it, and directed and financed the voyage from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Governors, Trustees, and Advisors of the Plimoth Plantation Pilgrim Village organization are grateful to the British sponsors for the generous gift of the ship to the people of America. It is a people to people gesture of friendship, and we are proud to have been selected by the British group to receive the ship and retain it for all time for America to see as part of a reproduction of the first Pilgrim Village in America, now under construction at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

ORIGINAL PLYMOUTH CHURCH TO BE REBUILT—Massachusetts Congregationalists are leading the way in a campaign to rebuild this replica of the square 1620 Fort and Meeting House used by the first Pilgrims at Plymouth, which will be rebuilt and landscaped at the new Plimoth Plantation at Plymouth following a $25,000 campaign. The church roof was armed with guns left behind by the "Mayflower." Congregationalists trace their roots back to the first Plymouth church.

In the interim, we are seeking free will contributions, large or small, to help build the 100-acre Pilgrim Village in Plymouth. The cost of this re-creation will be one million dollars. Contributions may be sent to Post Office Box 1620, Plymouth, Massachusetts. We solicit your help in making it clear that:

(1) The Mayflower II is coming directly from Plymouth, England, to Plymouth, Massachusetts, where she will remain on exhibit for two weeks or more in May and June.

(2) Later, the Mayflower II will visit New York and be exhibited there under arrangements made by the English group who own the ship.

(3) The Mayflower II will return to Plymouth, Massachusetts, in the Fall, before Thanksgiving, and be turned over by the British builders and owners to Plimoth Plantation as a permanent gift from the people of England to the people of America. She will ultimately be berthed in Plymouth, Massachusetts, permanently as part of the Plimoth Plantation Pilgrim Village now under construction.

From the Cabinet

by Ira J. Roberts, Superintendent, Worcester District
The New England Conference, The Methodist Church

The Fourth Quarterly Conference reports of our pastors and chairmen of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism are abundant evidence that the tide of religious interest is still rising. Newspapers are aware of the public mind and are eager to publish religious news that is vital. Radio and television sense the sustained interest in church news and will co-operate in getting it to the public if it is properly interpreted.

Church membership is growing more rapidly in Christian quality than numerically. Quarterly Conferences are asking, "Is it wise to keep members on the rolls who do not support the church by their presence, their gifts and their service?" There is a growing feeling on the district that in-active church members are a hindrance to the advancement of the church. In some localities it may be essential for the church to become smaller before it can become larger.

The rising interest in the deepening of the religious life is probably due in part to the confusion, the frustration and uncertainty of our times and roots back into the longing for "peace of mind" and for security. It is natural to turn to the church for assurance and protection. Ministers who are alert to the prevailing spirit and know how to meet these longings are ministering to increased congregations. Commissions on Membership and Evangelism who take their task seriously are finding it possible to witness to larger and larger numbers through lay visitation.

It is true that our churches should be a haven from the turmoil and panic of the world about us. We have as indicated a sacred responsibility to those who seek refuge. In spite of this we feel a growing concern and many of our pastors share the concern for the over emphasis on the so-called "peace of mind" and "security." It may misrepresent the true nature of our Christian gospel. The "security gospel" is not a false gospel but it is incomplete. Christ did say to the storm, "Peace be still" but He is the same Christ who with social concern drove the money changers from the Temple. Our ministers feel that an over emphasis here will jeopardize the effectiveness of the church for its greatest mission. We must continue to proclaim that the Christian Gospel is not the "opium of the people."

There is a continual quest for new methods of making our people aware of the demands for the Gospel. There is a yearning for opportunity for group expression; an expressed need for more ample opportunity for retreats and group planning. These calls come from both adults and young people. At a recent District Ministers' Meeting one whole morning was given over to discussing the possible development of the sixty acres belonging to the Sterling Camp Ground Association.

In the summer of 1902, Dr. James Mudge in writing the history of the first fifty years of the Camp Grounds, said "The people have changed. They are less demonstrative, excitable, emotional. Fewer of those who come are unconverted. Smaller numbers of people of any sort come than were here forty years ago. Such as work in mills and factories and shops are more closely confined than they were. Such as have money and leisure find so many other attractive places in which to take an outing that they are less drawn hither. The summer cottage life, the use of the grounds for more miscellaneous purposes, and the change in the classes who make this a resort have altered the atmosphere. We cannot restore these old conditions. We must be wise enough to adapt ourselves to the conditions of the present. While not altogether neglecting or abandoning any lines of labor so much blessed in the past, we must give more stress to solid instruction, to the general upbuilding of church members."

These words were written fifty-five years ago but they sound strangely modern. An earnest inquirer in looking at Sterling Camp Grounds today might ask, "Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were." It may be that the hour has come for us to consider seriously the development of these grounds and use some of the fifty acres which is now woodland. With a moderate capital investment adequate buildings could be constructed in which a type of program could be developed to meet the needs of the youth and adults of the Worcester District and the Conference. The challenge to our churches is ever to go forward. The ministers and laymen of the Worcester District have it in their hearts to meet the challenge of our times.

Muddled Moderates

The General Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church has asked Congress to ban the service of alcoholic beverages on planes and take whatever steps necessary to halt interstate liquor advertising.

Also, asked Congress to seek and make public answers to the following questions, in relation to a full investigation of the sale of liquor on military installations:

1) How many alcoholic servicemen or veterans are receiving treatment at government expense?

2) How many military teen-agers are using alcohol because 3.2 beer is available at post exchanges?

3) How many servicemen are downgraded each year because of alcohol-caused misconduct?

4) How many auto accidents, crimes and other tragedies are the result of drinking by military personnel?

5) How much money is spent for alcohol at military installations?

6) How much money could be saved to the nation that is now being lost on military personnel who are made incompetent by heavy drinking?

If the present trend to promote the marketing to school students of a "Teen-Brew" containing alcohol is not stopped, America may soon be faced with a similar tragic problem.

When a person is convicted of drunken driving in Green Lake County, Wisconsin, he is served a formal "Notice Forbidding Sale of Intoxicating Liquors of Fermented Beverages." The notice makes it illegal for anyone to sell or give that person intoxicating beverages for a period of one year. The sheriff also adds that person's name to a list posted conspicuously in each of Green Lake county's 60 saloons.

"Latest pitch for new beer customers is outlined by O. H. King Cole of Kingsbury Brewers, Sheboygan, Wis. Commenting on the fact that beer consumption has failed to keep pace with population growth, Cole says, '. . . the problem in our industry is to increase total consumption rather than to have the individual brewers concentrate on their competitors' customers.'"

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Radio and Television

by Lynnette W. Graham

Protestant leaders have invited Roman Catholics and Jews to join with them in producing a weekly, nationwide television program that would promote spiritual values without reference to specific religious beliefs.

The invitation was extended by the Board of Managers of the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission at its annual meeting. It agreed to ask the Catholics and Jews who now share in turn with them a weekly half-hour over NBC to join in sponsoring the intercreedal program.

At present the Sunday program is called "Frontiers of Faith" by the Protestants and Jews and "The Catholic Hour" by the Catholics.

George A. Heimrich, director of the commission's west coast office, reported that last year "motion pictures produced in Hollywood show a ratio of almost 4 to 1 of pictures produced on a Protestant theme over that of Roman Catholic."

He stressed that he did not cite the comparison in any spirit of rivalry, but simply to show that Roman Catholics no longer enjoyed what, he said, was once considered by Protestants a favorite position in Hollywood.

The National Council of Churches has announced plans for the construction of a 100,000-watt radio station in the Philippines.

The Far East station will beam broadcasts to all the Philippines and to the new nations of Southeast Asia in a variety of languages.

The station will be located in Dumaguete City on the campus of Silliman University. Using a medium wave length, the transmitter will reach Indonesia, Burma, Thailand, East Pakistan, India and other countries of the area.

It will carry programs produced both in its own studios and in the countries where they will be heard. Broadcasts to Communist China are not contemplated at the present time.

TRAFCO is considering the possibility of producing a major film on Francis Asbury and the early circuit-rider movement of American Methodism.

Martin H. Work, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men, urged the Columbia Broadcasting System to revise the policy which, he said, limits its weekly "Church of the Air" program "to devotional and inspirational sermonettes and forbids it to discuss important moral and religious issues of our time."

He made the plea in a letter to CBS Radio president Arthur Hull Hayes after the network had refused to clear an address prepared for the program by the Rev. Thurston N. Davis, S.J., editor-in-chief of *America*, national Jesuit weekly. The talk was to be on Protestant-Catholic tensions in the United States.

CBS officials refused to give the talk "clearance" on the ground that it did not fit in with the established character of the "Church of the Air" program which, they said, is "inspirational and devotional in nature."

"John Wesley," the motion picture filmed in England by TRAFCO in cooperation with J. Arthur Rank, is available now on a rental basis, in both a black-and-white and color version.

The 77-minute film may be obtained from branch libraries of The Methodist Publishing House. The rental price is $20.00 for black-and-white and $35.00 for color. Prints will sell for $400.00 for black-and-white and $750.00 for color.

The first national religious TV series produced expressly for children had its premiere on Station WPIX, New York City, March 17.

Called "Off to Adventure" the series, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, will tie-in with the 1957 Protestant Sunday School theme—the Indian American.

The programs, on film, run for a quarter-hour. They show work done for Indian Americans by American Baptists, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Protestant Episcopal Church, the United Church of Canada, and the American Bible Society. Already more than 35 stations have agreed to telecast the series and it is expected that some 200 will carry it before June.

Featured in the series are two 12-year-olds, Eunice and Tim, who visit Indians of many tribes in this country and Canada.

Through your Council of Churches or Ministerial Association, these programs may be placed on your local TV station for the children of your community.

A series of programs has been planned for June presentation on *Frontiers of Life* (NBC-TV network) that represents a distinct departure from the ordinary.

On June 2, 1.30-2.00 P. M., Frontiers of Faith will present Pearl Lang, choreographer, in "Ironic Rites," a chronicle of the human soul in innocense and in crisis, in terms of the dance.

On June 9, 1.30-2.00 P. M., dramatic excerpts from the award-winning Broadway production "Cocktail Party" will be presented with commentary. Probably the best known of T. S. Eliot's plays, it contains the religious themes of earlier plays and is man's search for the answer to his question: Who am I?

On June 16, 5.00-5.30 P. M. (Note change of time!) "The Last Disciple," by William K. Clarke, a drama based on the life and death of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, will be presented.

On June 23, 5.00-5.30 P. M., another drama, "Grand Saranna," by William K. Clarke, tells a true story of a wealthy young couple and how an encounter during a pleasure trip led them to rethink the purpose of life and to dedicate themselves to a medical mission.

Following the June series of dramatic programs, and in a sense paralleling them, in July, Frontiers of Faith will present a series of four "Conversations," with Dr. Eugene Carson Blake acting as host, related to the June presentations, but in no wise dependent on those particular presentations for understanding enjoyment.

The First Methodist Church of Los Angeles, sponsor of the nation's oldest Sunday morning church service radio broadcast, has protested the program's cancellation to the Federal Communications Commission.

In a formal brief filed in Washington, D. C., the church urges the FCC to issue a "cease and desist" order to Station KFAC, Los Angeles, and to hold a public hearing on the matter. The church has paid Station KFAC the standard commercial rate for radio time for the last 15 years.

The station's reason for terminating the program, as quoted in the petition of the pastor, are "the broadcasts of the First Methodist Church services on Sunday morning are completely incompatible with our program format . . . we are gradually eliminating all religious programs and replacing them with musical programs. . . ."

French Protestants working in the fields of radio, television, film, sound recording, press and publicity are to establish a "Protestant Center of Mass-Media Techniques."

Along the Asbury Trail in New England

by John Rex Shepler

WORCESTER

Worcester, where the 1957 session of the New England Conference is to be held, was visited by Francis Asbury in July, 1791, on the return portion of his first tour into New England.

"Mr. Chandler received us with kindness more than common," writes Asbury, "and courtesy anxious to please, calling his family together with softness of address, and in all things else being agreeable; perhaps more so than any man I have met with in America. This exception shall comfort us a little in our toil."

The host whom Asbury praises so highly was Mr. Samuel Chandler, who with his brother Charles was in business in the town. He was noted for his hospitality to strangers. A year previously Freeborn Garrettson had ridden into the town and found haven with the same kind friend. Garrettson wrote in his Journal for June 30, 1790:

"The two following days we travelled and arrived at Worcester about four o'clock, where I was kindly entertained by Mr. Chandler, but the people appeared to have a small share of religion: I went from one end of the town to the other and could get no one to open the court-house and gather the people."

Garrettson's experience fairly reflected the sentiments of the town throughout the early Methodist period. There was no encouragement for the Methodists or any other competitors to the standing order for more than a generation. The Baptists had four members, without any increase, from 1795 to 1812. The Scotch Presbyterians had their edifice destroyed. Bishop Asbury presumably passed through Worcester at least six times more, but his itinerants had formed no class here to welcome him. His stoppings or preaching places were Westboro, Shrewsbury, Leicester, Brookfield, Brimfield, or Wilbraham, but never Worcester.

Finally in 1830, the New England Conference made a concerted effort. There were 1,200 Methodists in Worcester County, and nearly 10,000 in the state, but none in Worcester itself. Under Bishop Hedding's appointment, a native of Leicester, the Rev. Dexter S. King, was sent to Worcester to organize classes and to live upon the people. He fulfilled his mission, organizing a class in what is now the Webster Square section, then called New Worcester. He also found his wife here. The new society was then attached to a near-by circuit.

In November, 1833, the town meeting granted a petition of the Methodists for the right to hold preaching in the Town Hall. George Pickering, long-time friend of Asbury, was made the first stationed preacher in 1834. Stories have been preserved of his pastorate here. When a rough in the audience threw at him a quid of tobacco, he merely removed the noxious article from his cheek and said, "Thank you, sir. I don't use the weed." In a notable "Four Days' Meeting" held that year, the Congregational deacon with whom Pickering stayed, Ichabod Washburn, was found kneeling at the Methodist altar. Fifty years later one of the elect ladies of the church who was converted at that time stated: "It took a deal of strength and zeal to be a Methodist in those days. I went to the church alone and in the face of much opposition. I laid aside my curls and jewelry and have never resumed them."

The site for the first church building was donated, and was in the Meadows, at the corner of Exchange and Union Streets. The building was dedicated in 1837, and in the same year a five-months' revival under the Rev. James Porter brought in 175 probationers. The first session of the New England Conference in Worcester was held in 1841, Bishop Hedding presiding. Because of the swampy land around the church, decision was made to move the building; but before action was taken, in 1844, fire destroyed it. "I never enjoyed a fire so much in my life," said one of the members. The church was insured for $3,000.

Wesley Church today is the lineal descendant of the first Methodist society in Worcester, tracing back to the early class in Webster Square. Trinity and Grace, the forerunners of Wesley Church, both grew out of Park Street Church, built in 1845 after the fire. Wesley Church is now the largest Methodist society in the six New England states.

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What's On Your Mind?

by Howard H. Hare

HOW DOES ONE KEEP ONE'S PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND PEACE IN THE FACE OF THE WORLD'S PRESENT TENSIONS AND DANGEROUS UNREST—IS IT RIGHT TO REMAIN "TRANQUIL" UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES?

In this question three states of mind or spirit are regarded as desirable. But they do not have equal value. Every normal person would, of course, like to be happy. And well-adjusted people are always happy some of the time. On the other hand, probably the only adult who is happy all the time is abnormal, controlled by a psychosis. Jesus regarded "blessedness" as desirable. But "blessed" is not the same as "happy." For instance, blessed people mourn, and people are not happy while they mourn.

Nor can tranquillity be desirable as a permanent state. Of course one will not remain tranquil who is sensitive to world conditions! The "present tensions" produce in us a natural and recurrent unrest. The socially imposed, abject misery of the world's billion and a half makes it impossible. Look up "The Last Angry Man," a current best-seller.

"Peace" is in another category. Peace can subsist without permanent happiness or imperturbable tranquillity. Its foundation is laid in initial acceptance of one's basic self, and subsequent acceptance of the will of God, to which one bows, but also loves. It is one's sense of indestructible security, upon which is built a long-range purpose, timed by the purpose of God. "My peace (not happiness or tranquillity) I leave with you."

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Christian Ethics, Georgia Harkness, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., $3.75. Those who are looking for Biblical foundations for Christian decisions in personal, social, political and economic life will find Dr. Harkness' latest book one of the very best.

The American Sex Revolution, Pitirim A. Sorokin, Porter Sargent, Boston, Mass., $3.50. A startling revelation of "a peculiar revolution that has been taking place in the lives of millions of American men and women." The facts are almost frightening and the future implications encourage preventive action. An excellent small book for discussion group.

Protestant and Catholic, The Beacon Press, Boston, Mass., $6.00. This book is an intensive study of religion as it effects the life of an American city. "Specifically, this is a study of Protestant-Catholic relations in the paper-city of Holyoke, Massachusetts. It begins with the now famous 'Sanger Incident,' in which Margaret Sanger, internationally-known exponent of planned parenthood, was prevented by religious interests from speaking in the First Congregational Church of the city." This study supplies a need in an area of controversy. It will be widely quoted.

The Inevitable Choice, Edmund Davison Soper, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., $2.50. Vedanta, the system of Hindu philosophy, is a subtle and powerful threat to Christianity today. This is the book that adds much light to the false idea that all religions are pretty much the same. Also, the reader will know more about the Christian faith.

The Whole Gospel for the Whole World, Alan Walker, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., $2.00. The kind of twentieth-century evangelism that answers the world's need. *(see feature story on Dr. Walker in this issue)*

The Hebrew Man, Ludwig Kohler, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., $2.50. A picture of the Hebrew man, how he looked, lived, and thought. Essential for a better understanding of the Old Testament, and as a background for the New Testament. An interesting sociological study of the Hebrew people in a simple style.

Atomic Quest, Arthur Holly Compton, Oxford University Press, New York, $5.00. "Another story of the bomb, but it is told from the very top level. . . . The difference in this book lies in the personality of the author; his own soul-searching; his views of his fellow scientists and administrators, not as such but as men facing a moral as well as scientific problem."

The World's Great Religions, published by *Time Incorporated,* New York, $13.50. A big book in every way. Attractively printed and beautifully illustrated with photographs, this modern classic deals with Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, the Philosophy of China, and Christianity. The excellent Introduction, "How Mankind Worships," by Paul Hutchinson is alone of great value. A book to have for its timeless value, its art, and its understandable treatment of subject which is arousing increasing interest.

Toward a Christian Philosophy of Higher Education, edited by John Paul von Grueningen, The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pa., $3.50. A book to go along with the emphasis on Christian higher education. It "sets forth in comprehensive principles a Christian philosophy of higher education which colleges may profitably adapt to individual needs."

Albert Schweitzer, Jean Pierhal, Philosophical Library, New York, $3.00. A new illustrated biography which will be of interest to those who are making a collection of Schweitzer, or who enjoy knowing more about this great man.

Revivalism and Social Reform, Timothy L. Smith, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., $4.00. "With accuracy and impartiality the author fully explores and evaluates the evangelical origin and results of social awakening between 1840 and 1865." Dr. Smith asserts that revivalism did not decline after 1842, but gained increasingly wider acceptance in urban areas.

The Hard Commands of Jesus, Roy Pearson, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., $2.00. "Be perfect," "Love yourself," "Do not give dogs what is holy," "Cut it off," "Take up the cross," "Go, sell what you have," are a few of the commands of Jesus which Dr. Pearson discusses so clearly.

Existentialism and Religious Belief, David E. Roberts, Oxford University Press, New York, $5.00. One of the clearest and most thorough studies available on the dominant stresses in existentialist philosophy. The author concludes that Christians must come to terms with what existentialism has to teach about the possible dehumanization of Western culture, the relationship between faith and reason, and the problem of human freedom and responsibility.

When I Became A Man, Theodore Parker Ferris, Oxford University Press, New York, $3.75. This book is for those who are searching for faith and face the necessity of putting away childish things in order to become a mature human being. Writing for the layman, Dr. Ferris expresses in simple language the truth of the Christian religion and makes clear how this truth can help man in his daily life.

Prayer Can Change Your Life, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J., $3.50. An unusual account of a scientific experiment that applied the methods of modern psychology to the study of prayer. The experiments dealt with forty-five men and women from every walk of life and concluded that "prayer can change your life."

The Christian Ethos, Werner Elert, Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia, Pa., $6.00. "A penetrating study of the dynamics behind all Christian ethics—law and grace—and how they apply to both the individual and the community." A clarification of the struggle in the believer between his faith and sinful nature.

The Gospel Jesus Preached, The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pa., $3.75. A presentation of Jesus with the development of his ideas about God, the meaning of prayer, etc. A new approach of interest without theological bias.

Calendar Clippings

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETS

* Martin Luther once said: "If anyone raps at my heart's door and asks: 'Who lives here?' I reply: 'Martin Luther once lived here, but he has moved out, and Jesus Christ has moved in.'"
* How a church raises money is more important than how much it raises.
* Sheep give their wool willingly, but did you ever try taking bristles from a hog?
* When we give to the Lord, we are financing a conquest.
* Giving the average is what keeps the average down.
* Your heart will not be on the altar unless your money is there also.
* Stewardship is chiefly a way to deepen living, not heighten giving.
* The true test of a man is not how much money he makes but what he makes of his money.
* We must learn to plead causes, not the cost.
* A church which does not reach out will soon pass out.
* Either you are a missionary or a mission field.
* After all is said and done, more is said than done.
* You can't kick and pull at the same time.

From: "Good News"
Board of Evangelism
New England Southern Conference

GUIDE FOR LIVING

Every day will be challenging when you
Build affection out of differences
Develop your life through struggle
Turn discords into harmony
Spread hope in gloom
Protect your neighbor's name as you do your own
Seek only good news about other people
Rejoice with those who rejoice as readily as you weep with those who weep
Profit by your mistakes and seek to avoid their repetition
Shoulder any deserved blame without rancor
Laugh at your own mistakes as freely as you do another's.

—Dr. J. Richard Sneed
First Methodist, Los Angeles

From: "The Wesley Courier"
Wesley Methodist Church
Springfield, Mass.

ARE YOU

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home,
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belong"?
Do you ever go and visit
A member that is sick?
Or leave the work to a few,
And talk about the clique?
Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong:
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

From: "Wesley News"
Wesley and Cushman Methodist Church
Amherst, Mass.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE WORSHIP

I. Thou shalt take thy seat prayerfully—before the prelude begins.

II. Thou shalt wait in the narthex, if thou arrivest after the service has begun, until the usher signals to you to permit him to show you to a seat.

III. Thou shalt follow the usher to the seat he wishes to give you; to do otherwise is a discourtesy.

IV. Thou shalt be reverent from the time thou takest thy seat on through to the close of the service. Visiting with the person beside you during the worship is an offense to God and to the congregation.

V. Thou shalt join heartily in the singing of the hymns and in the responsive reading; or if you cannot sing, worshipfully read in silence the words that are being sung.

VI. Thou shalt reverently bow thy head during each prayer, giving earnest thought to what the prayer includes—thus making the prayer your personal petition to God.

VII. Thou shalt seek help from every part of the service; if your purpose in attending church is merely to criticize what is said and done, then both you and the service are cursed by your presence. People go to church to receive help from the Lord and not to find fault.

VIII. Thou shalt be in a spirit of prayer throughout the service—praying for your own needs, for those responsible for conducting the service, and for all gathered with you in the worship of the Lord thy God.

IX. Thou shalt be alert for phrases, sentences and ideas voiced in the anthems, solos, hymns, prayers and sermon that will aid you in your religious thinking.

X. Thou shalt praise the Lord thy God with thy personal prayer of thanksgiving, with thy worshipful presence in His sanctuary, and with thy offerings that express sacrifice.

—R. C. Helfenstein,
Mason City, Iowa

From: "Parish News"
First Methodist Church
Portsmouth, N. H.

"SPRING"

Life is in the silent earth,
The sun comes forth and gives it birth.
Who can this power understand?
Life springs forth upon the land.

The bud, the leaf, the growing tree,
It is a miracle of God we see.
We marvel at this secret power,
Revealed by God from hour to hour.

Rev. E. Nordin Gilbertson,
(Retired)

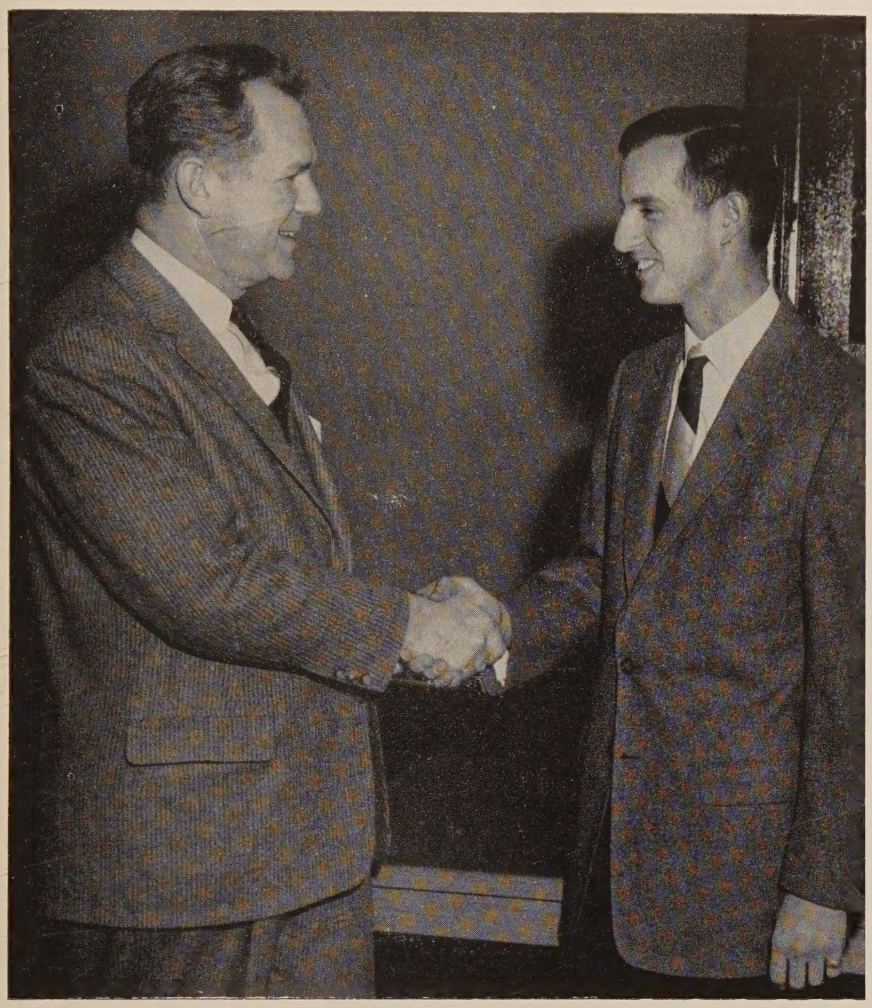
CHEERFULNESS

I believe cheerfulness is contagious. It creates more cheerfulness. One never knows how far reaching optimism and good cheer will go. A cheerful smile thrown into the current of life creates redeeming ripples that spread far beyond the source of the smile.

—Ernest R. Case

From: "The Milestone"
Immanuel Methodist Church
Waltham, Mass.

Yankee Methodist Family



Dr. Stanley H. Martin, new president of West Virginia Wesleyan College and a member of the New England Conference of The Methodist Church, congratulates Ted Jungas upon being elected president of the 1957-58 Wesleyan Community Council.

Jungas, a junior pre-ministerial student, is the son of the Rev. Francis C. Wilson, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church in Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Wilson.

Dr. Martin, who began his duties as president of this Methodist institution in April, for the past seven years has acted as director of the Departments of Student Loans and Scholarships and of Personnel for the General Board of Education of the Methodist church in Nashville. He is a former teacher and chaplain at Boston University, where he directed the multi-million dollar Crusade Challenge Campaign.

The Rev. Harold Roy Brennan, D.D., minister of St. Mark's Methodist Church in Rockville Centre, N. Y., was chosen for one of the three Spiritual Values Awards given annually by the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. This is the fifth year Dr. Brennan has received a Freedoms Foundation award. He is a brother of **Mrs. Lewis G. Curtis** of Winchester, Mass., and **Mrs. John Butt** of Chelsea, Mass. Dr. Brennan is a graduate of Tilton School, Wesleyan University and Boston University School of Theology.

One of the features of the recent 135th Annual Church Meeting at First Methodist Church, Medford, Mass., was the presentation of the Annual Churchman of the Year Award to **Raymond J. Faulkner.** The citation praised Mr. Faulkner for his outstanding leadership to his church during the past year, emphasizing especially his supervision of the redecorating of the new Parish House and his faithful leadership as Chairman of the Commission on Finance.

Mrs. G. Albin Dahlquist of Providence, R. I., has been appointed a member of a national committee of Methodist women to monitor television programs. The committee was named recently by the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

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The Rev. Edson G. Waterhouse of Watertown, Mass., recently attended the 11th annual ministerial seminar in Washington, D. C. The seminar, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Education, emphasized the important role of Christian principles in government policy-making.

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The Rev. Burt L. Hilton of Clearwater Beach, Fla., a member of the New England Southern Conference, has been a patient at the Robert B. Brigham Hospital, Roxbury.

The Rev. Arthur O. Dewey, retired member of the New England Southern Conference, has been serving as interim pastor of the Methodist Churches at Exeter and East Kingston, N. H., since January 20.

Miss Martha W. Joy, a member of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Brookline, Mass., recently received the Grand Cross of Color, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, in recognition of distinguished services.

Miss Betty Ann Terp, a student at Boston University School of Theology, was baptised at the Methodist Church in Friendship, Maine, last November by the pastor, the Rev. David W. Bell. Of interest is the fact that Miss Terp and Mr. Bell will be married on May 31, at South Sudbury, Mass., by the groom's father, the Rev. Dr. Oliver W. Bell of Wesley Church, Bath, Maine.

The Higher Call

Mrs. Gwendolyn E. (Taggert) McGilton, 61, of Uxbridge, died April 5 at New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, after a brief illness. She was the widow of Dr. A. Clark McGilton, a former pastor of Taft Methodist Church, Uxbridge, Mass.

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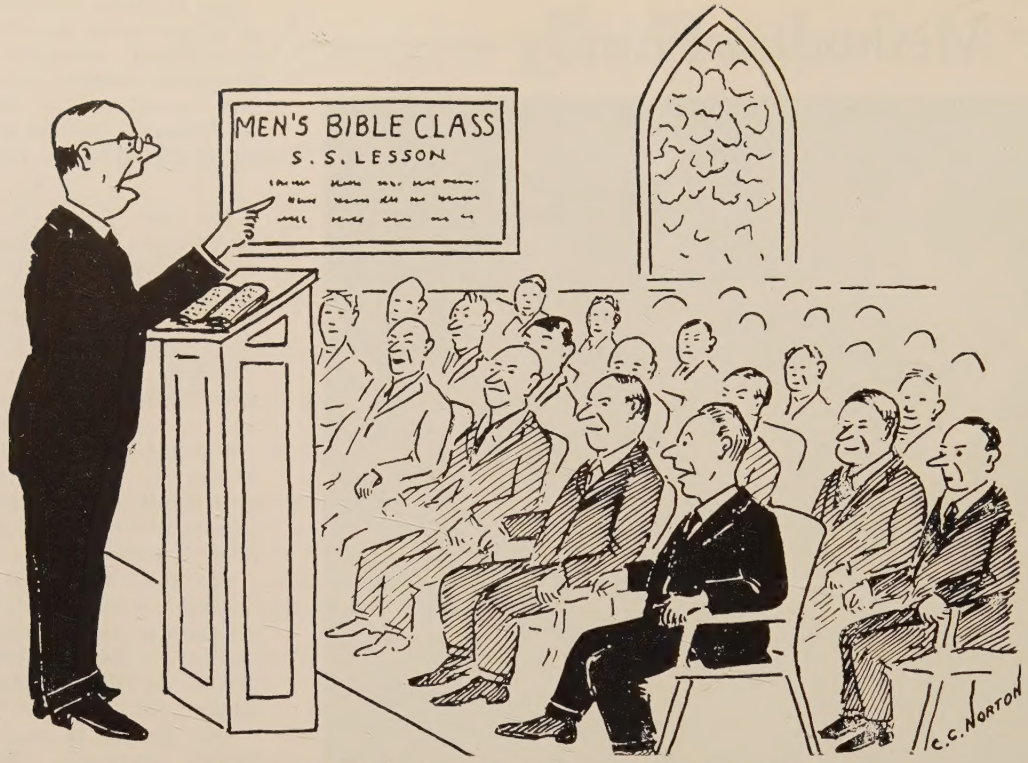
The Rev. Herbert J. Foote, 81, died at his home in Enfield, N. H., February 15. A graduate of Boston University, he was for 48 years an active Methodist minister and for 55 years a member of the N. H. Conference. Upon retirement in 1949 he returned to Enfield to make his home in the town of his first parish. The Rev. Mr. Foote served for 25 years as a trustee of the New Hampshire State Prison, was also a trustee of the Daniel Webster Home for Children, served as field agent of the Conference Preachers' Aid Society from 1938 until his death and was treasurer of the Society until December, 1955.



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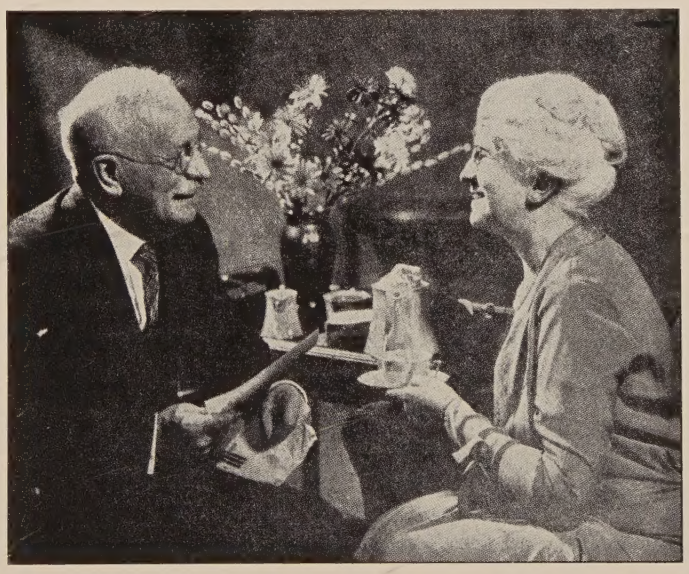

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